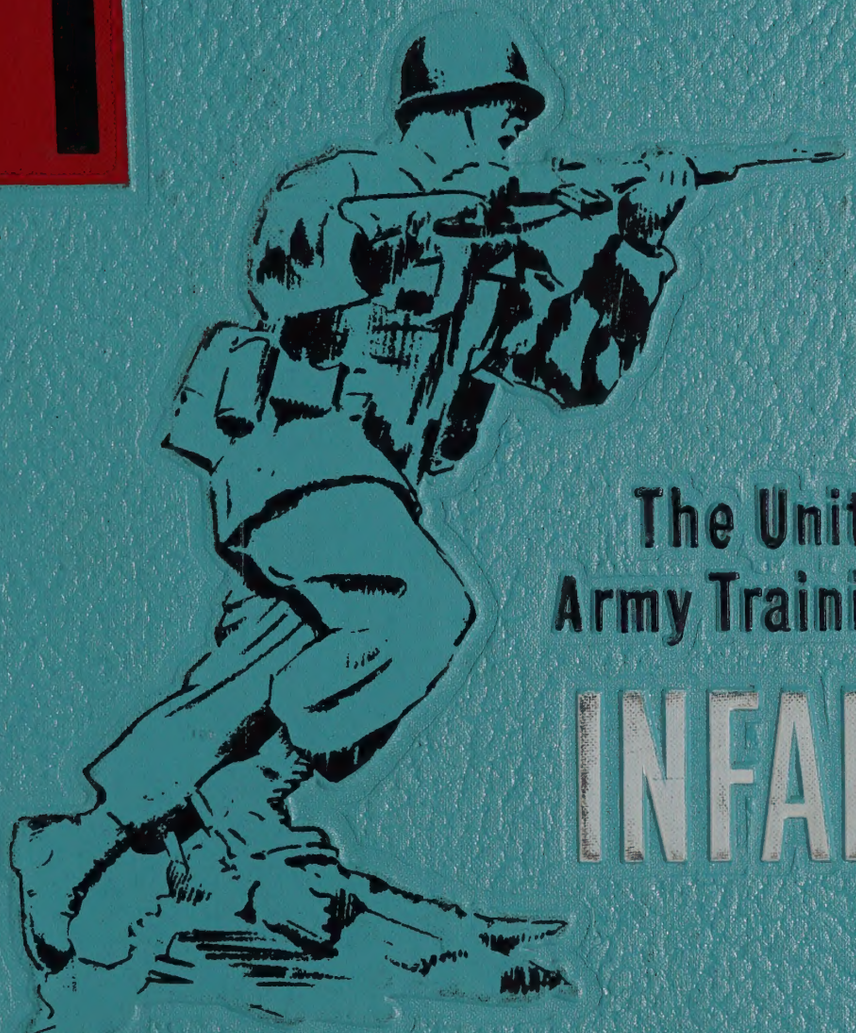

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# INFANTRY

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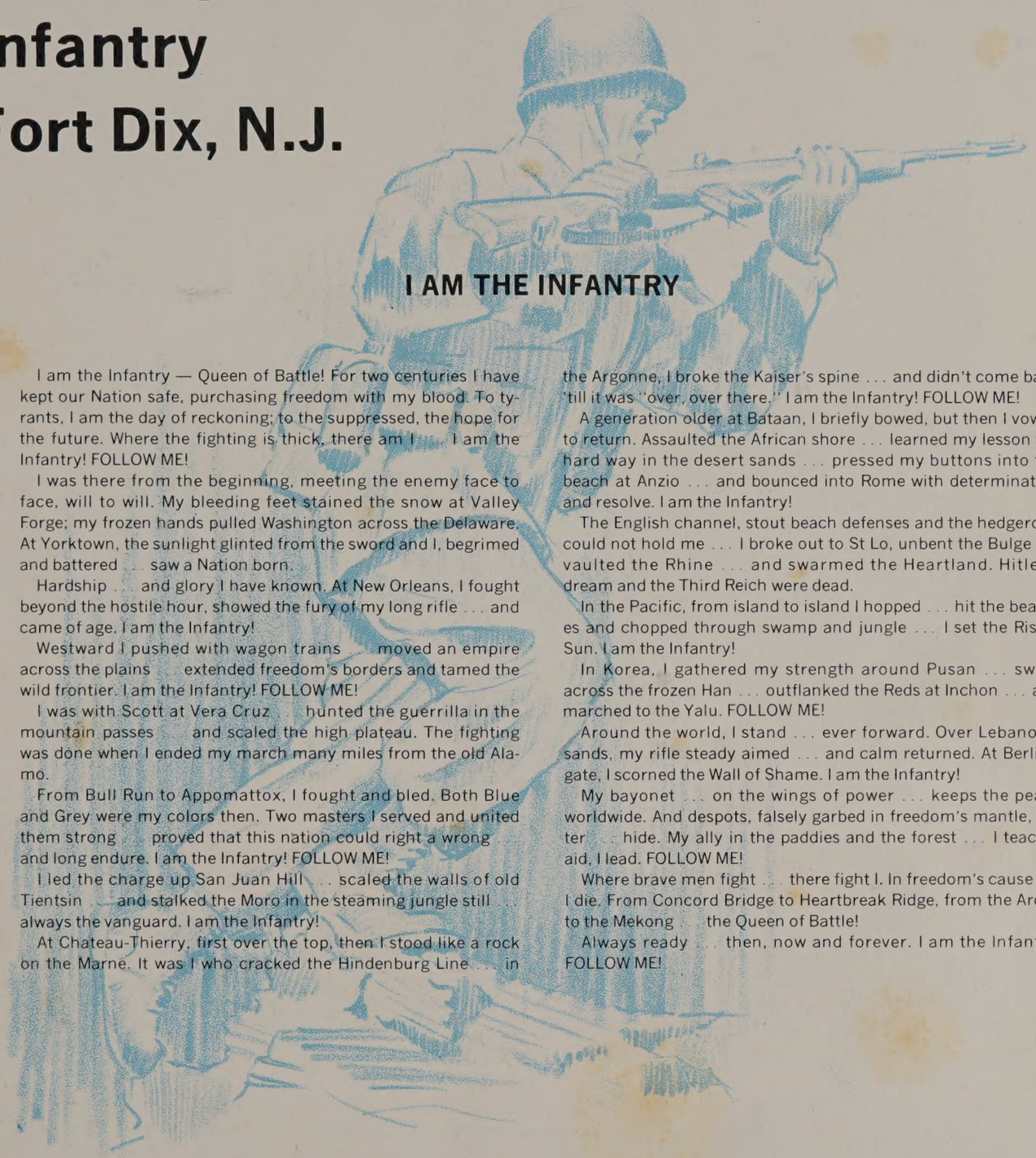

## I AM THE INFANTRY

I am the Infantry — Queen of Battle! For two centuries I have kept our Nation safe, purchasing freedom with my blood. To tyrants, I am the day of reckoning; to the suppressed, the hope for the future. Where the fighting is thick, there am I . . . I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

I was there from the beginning, meeting the enemy face to face, will to will. My bleeding feet stained the snow at Valley Forge; my frozen hands pulled Washington across the Delaware. At Yorktown, the sunlight glinted from the sword and I, begrimed and battered . . . saw a Nation born.

Hardship . . . and glory I have known. At New Orleans, I fought beyond the hostile hour, showed the fury of my long rifle . . . and came of age. I am the Infantry!

Westward I pushed with wagon trains . . . moved an empire across the plains . . . extended freedom's borders and tamed the wild frontier. I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

I was with Scott at Vera Cruz . . . hunted the guerrilla in the mountain passes . . . and scaled the high plateau. The fighting was done when I ended my march many miles from the old Alamo.

From Bull Run to Appomattox, I fought and bled. Both Blue and Grey were my colors then. Two masters I served and united them strong . . . proved that this nation could right a wrong . . . and long endure. I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

I led the charge up San Juan Hill . . . scaled the walls of old Tientsin . . . and stalked the Moro in the steaming jungle still . . . always the vanguard. I am the Infantry!

At Chateau-Thierry, first over the top, then I stood like a rock on the Marne. It was I who cracked the Hindenburg Line . . . in the Argonne, I broke the Kaiser's spine . . . and didn't come back 'till it was "over, over there." I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

A generation older at Bataan, I briefly bowed, but then I vowed to return. Assaulted the African shore . . . learned my lesson the hard way in the desert sands . . . pressed my buttons into the beach at Anzio . . . and bounced into Rome with determination and resolve. I am the Infantry!

The English channel, stout beach defenses and the hedgerows could not hold me . . . I broke out to St Lo, unbent the Bulge . . . vaulted the Rhine . . . and swarmed the Heartland. Hitler's dream and the Third Reich were dead.

In the Pacific, from island to island I hopped . . . hit the beaches and chopped through swamp and jungle . . . I set the Rising Sun. I am the Infantry!

In Korea, I gathered my strength around Pusan . . . swept across the frozen Han . . . outflanked the Reds at Inchon . . . and marched to the Yalu. FOLLOW ME!

Around the world, I stand . . . ever forward. Over Lebanon's sands, my rifle steady aimed . . . and calm returned. At Berlin's gate, I scorned the Wall of Shame. I am the Infantry!

My bayonet . . . on the wings of power . . . keeps the peace worldwide. And despots, falsely garbed in freedom's mantle, falter . . . hide. My ally in the paddies and the forest . . . I teach, I aid, I lead. FOLLOW ME!

Where brave men fight . . . there fight I. In freedom's cause . . . I die. From Concord Bridge to Heartbreak Ridge, from the Arctic to the Mekong . . . the Queen of Battle!

Always ready . . . then, now and forever. I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

# BASIC COMBAT TRAINING

**BRIGADIER GENERAL HOWARD H. COOKSEY**

**COMMANDING GENERAL**

Brigadier General Howard H. Cooksey is the 66th officer to command Fort Dix. He was graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1943 and received his master's degree from The George Washington University in 1964.

General Cooksey's military career began with his completion of Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, in July 1943. During World War II he served with the 158th Regimental Combat Team during the Northern Philippines and Luzon campaigns, where he received the Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman Badge and the Purple Heart.

He held a number of administrative and command positions from 1945 to 1949 when he was assigned as Assistant Professor of Military Science at the Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia.

During the Korean War, General Cooksey served with the Seventh Infantry Division, earning two Oak Leaf Clusters to the Bronze Star and a Second Combat Infantryman Badge. Almost 15 years later he returned to Korea, this time as the Commanding Officer, First Brigade, Second Infantry Division.

In between those years, General Cooksey was assigned as a staff officer with the Office of Chief of Research and Development in Washington, later becoming Chief of the Combat Materiel Division. Also during this time he attended the National War College, graduating in 1963.

General Cooksey's most recent assignments were in the Republic of Vietnam where he was the Assistant Division Commander of the 23d Infantry Division (Americal), earning the Silver Star Medal. Subsequently he was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, U.S. Army, Republic of Vietnam. He assumed command of Fort Dix on 10 January 1970.

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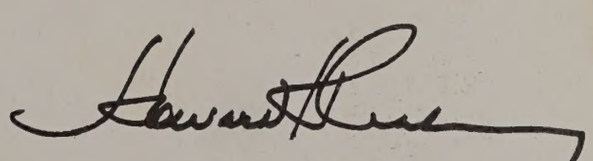
TO THE GRADUATES OF BASIC COMBAT TRAINING

In this era of nuclear weapons, rockets, guided missiles and other modern tools of warfare, the most important element of national defense remains the man who employs these tools. Despite these modern developments, man is still the Ultimate Weapon and in war he must defeat his enemies by struggle on the ground to achieve the final success. Thus, well-trained soldiers are essential to the success of the United States Armed Forces.

In combat our soldiers face many difficult and challenging situations. It is, therefore, essential that every man not only be technically qualified but physically, morally, and mentally conditioned to survive on the modern battlefield. This has been the purpose of the military training you have received here at this Training Center.

How much benefit you receive from any training, of course, depends to a considerable degree on how much you put into it. Here at the U.S. Army Training Center, Infantry, your training has been designed to assist you in developing the qualities of a successful soldier. We feel that you have developed a greater sense of responsibility, have acquired a greater awareness of the world around you, and have become a better citizen of this great country.

I hope that this book will serve as a pleasant reminder to you of this period of your military service — a reminder, also, of the truth that soldiers are made, not born. Best wishes to you during your Army service. May yours be the satisfaction that comes from serving your country with distinction in its time of need.



HOWARD H. COOKSEY
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

Brigadier General Irzyk came to Fort Dix from Vietnam.

During his 22 month tour in Vietnam, General Irzyk commanded the US Army's Headquarters Area Command in Saigon during the TET attack in that city. He was also Assistant Division Commander of the 4th Infantry Division in the Central Highlands.

General Irzyk received his commission from the ROTC Program at the University of Massachusetts in 1940. During World War II, he commanded a tank battalion in the 4th Armored Division which spearheaded General Patton's sweep across Europe.

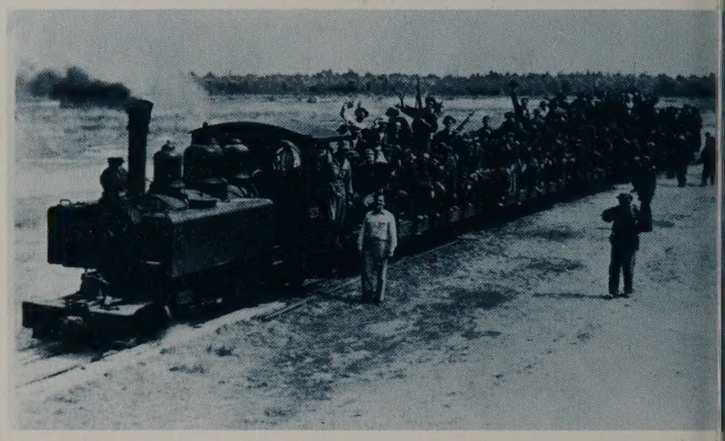
He wears the nation's second highest decoration for valor, the Distinguished Service Cross, as well as the Distinguished Service Medal.

BRIGADIER GENERAL
ALBIN F. IRZYK
Deputy
Commanding General

POST HEADQUARTERS

John Adams Dix served in the Union forces during the Civil War. He later became a Senator from New York and thereafter Governor of the same state. He eventually served as Secretary of the Treasury and as Minister to France.

JULY 1917 — THE BEGINNING



1918 — "THE CAMP DIX SPECIAL"

# THE PAST . . .

1939 — BLUE DENIMS AND '03 RIFLES

The post was originally established as Camp Dix on July 16, 1917. During World War I it developed into one of the largest training centers in the nation. After the 1918 Armistice it reduced its garrison and trained Reserve units.

Site of a Civilian Conservation Corps installation in the 1930's, it became, as Fort Dix, a permanent post in 1939. In 1940 a Reception Center was built to process those inducted under the existing Selective Service Act.

During World War II ten Infantry Divisions and many smaller units trained here for overseas duty. After the War in 1945, Fort Dix established a Separation Center that turned 1,250,000 soldiers into civilians again.

Fort Dix has continued as a training Center in the post-World War II years, through the Korean War to the present day.

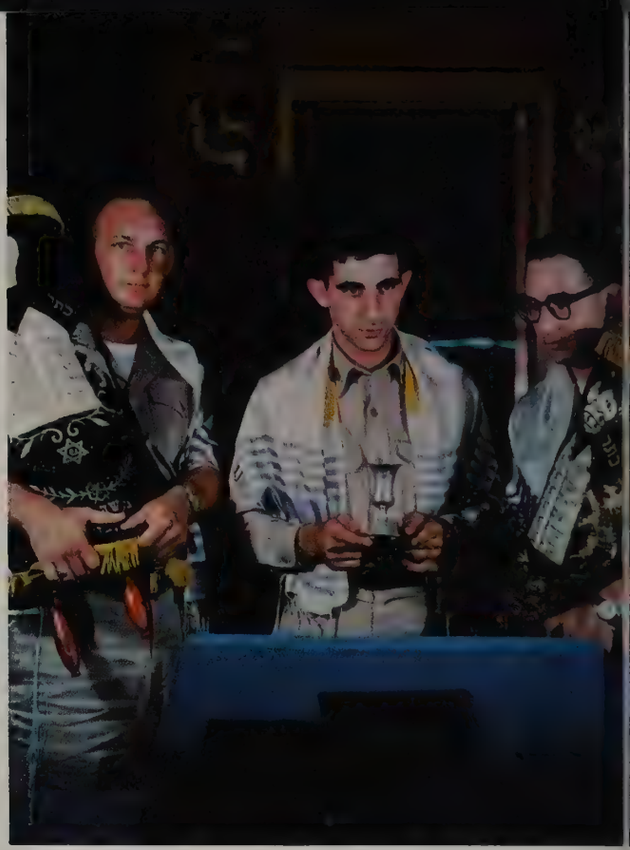
# THE PRESENT . . .

US ARMY

. . . AND ITS PLEDGE

TO THE FUTURE . . .

# CREATING THE ULTIMATE WEAPON



# FOR GOD . . .

# AND COUNTRY

# DAY AND NIGHT THE INFANTRYMAN

PREPARES TO DEFEND HIS COUNTRY

PROUD RIFLES

THIS WE'LL DEFEND

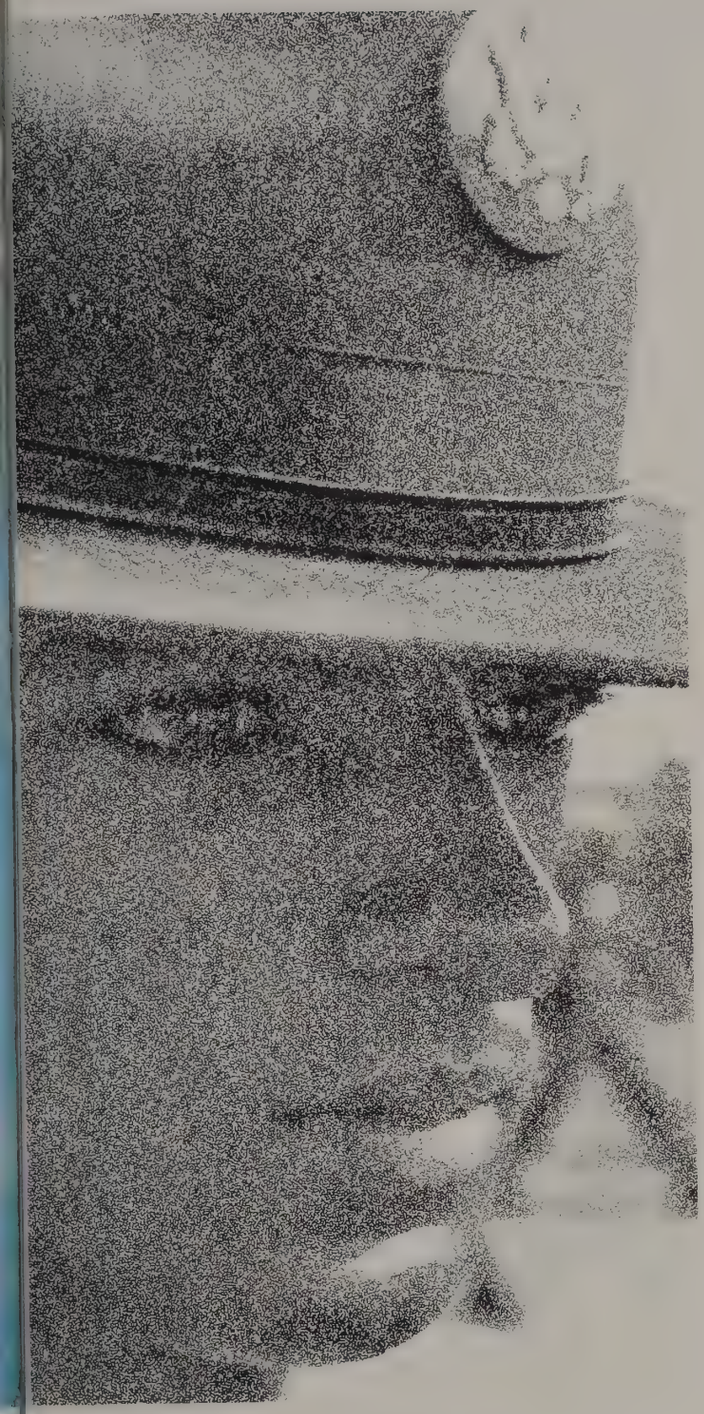
3 RD

BCT BRIGADE

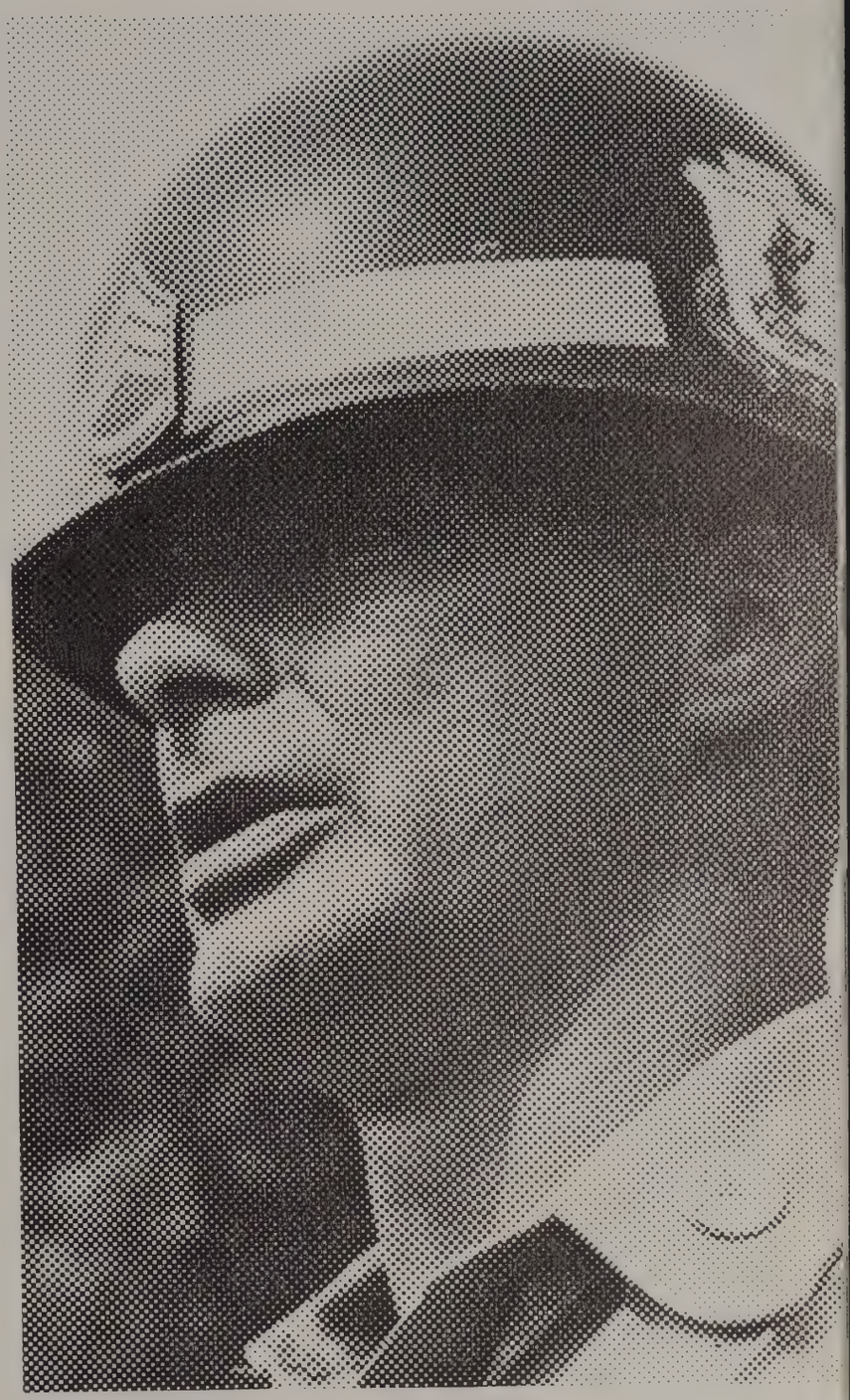
PIONEERS

WE WILL

THEY ARE PROFESSIONALS . . . SOLDIERS, LEADERS AND TRAINERS OF MEN. THEY TAKE THE YOUTH OF AMERICA AND PRODUCE THE TOUGHEST AND BEST TRAINED SOLDIERS IN THE WORLD.



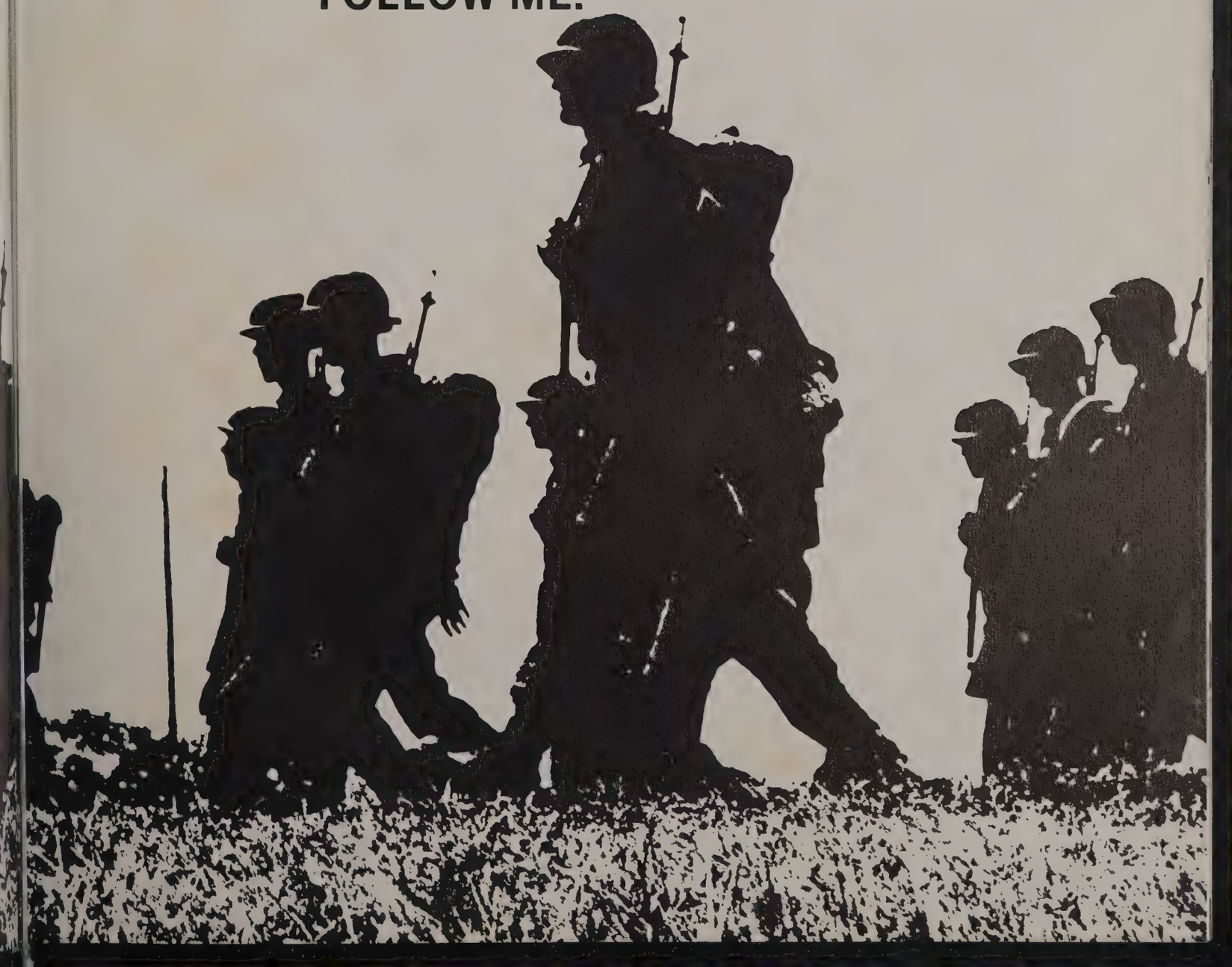
THE DRILL SERGEANT TEACHES CITIZENSHIP AND THE FUNDAMENTALS OF MILITARY LIFE. BY PERSONAL EXAMPLE HE INSPIRES RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF OTHERS. HE INSTILLS IN THE TRAINEE A SENSE OF LOYALTY TO HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS, TO THE ARMY AND HIS COUNTRY.



THE ARMY INSTRUCTOR IMPARTS TO THE TRAINEE THE PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND MILITARY KNOWLEDGE SO ESSENTIAL TO THE SOLDIERS OF TODAY'S ARMY.

THESE PROFESSIONALS ARE THE BACKBONE OF THE ARMY.

I AM THE INFANTRY — QUEEN OF BATTLE! FOR TWO CENTURIES I HAVE KEPT OUR NATION SAFE, PURCHASING FREEDOM WITH MY BLOOD. TO TYRANTS, I AM THE DAY OF RECKONING; TO THE SUPRESSED, THE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. WHERE THE FIGHTING IS THICK, THERE AM I . . . I AM THE INFANTRY! FOLLOW ME!



RECEPTION CENTER. This is the gateway to the Army. Haircuts, clothing, medical examinations and a bewildering array of interviews and tests face the new recruit.

FIRST WEEK. Upon assignment to a training company the new soldiers are introduced to basic military subjects by their Drill Sergeants.

# THIS IS BASIC TRAINING

FOURTH WEEK. The record firing range determines the soldier's proficiency with the rifle. Each hit is a very valuable point towards the total score.

SEVENTH WEEK. Realistic combat training continues on the bayonet assault course. The new soldier becomes more aware of his abilities as he and his company take the confidence course in stride.

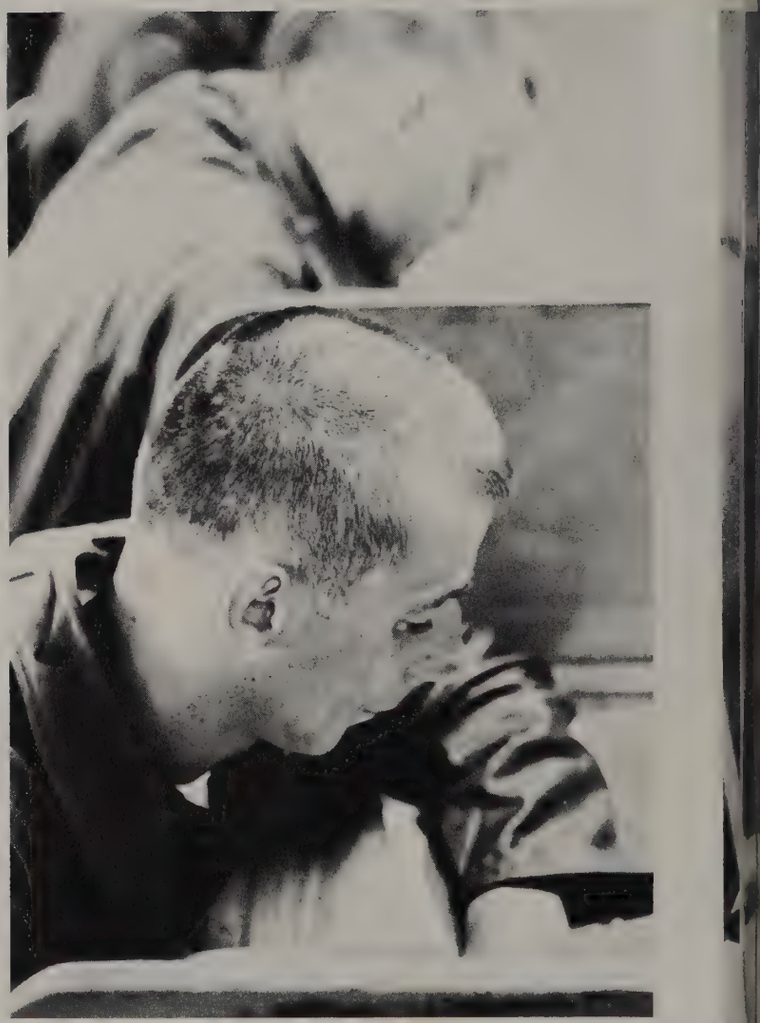
ECOND WEEK. Training continues with Army Drill, physical train-
ng and use of the bayonet. The trainee is also introduced to basic
harksmanship.

THIRD WEEK. Rifle marksmanship training continues with live fire on the range. Each man must learn to find and hit his target.

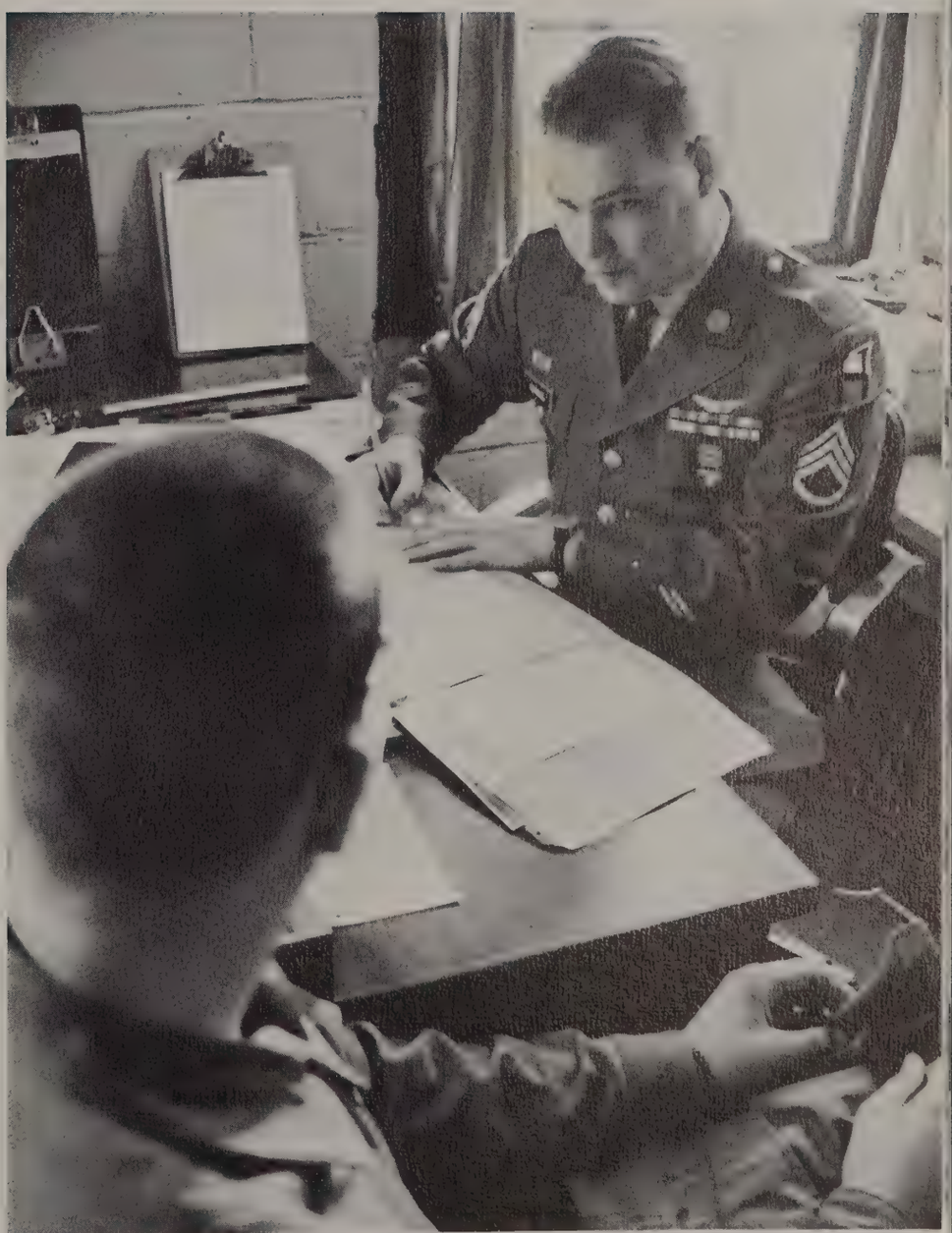
FTH WEEK. First aid and other advanced subjects such as hand
enades, chemical warfare and tactical training are introduced.
uch time is spent in the field.

SIXTH WEEK. The infantryman begins to take shape on the combat fire range and the infiltration course. Moving from one place to another over unfamiliar terrain is taught at Land Navigation.

IGHTH WEEK. Military and physical proficiency are tested. Gradua-
on marks the end of the most arduous eight weeks in a young
an's life. The flags, the band and the trophies all add to the feeling
f real accomplishment held by these newest men of the toughest
nd best equipped Army in the world.



# CIVILIAN TO SOLDIER . . .
# ARMY LIFE BEGINS AT THE RECEPTION CENTER



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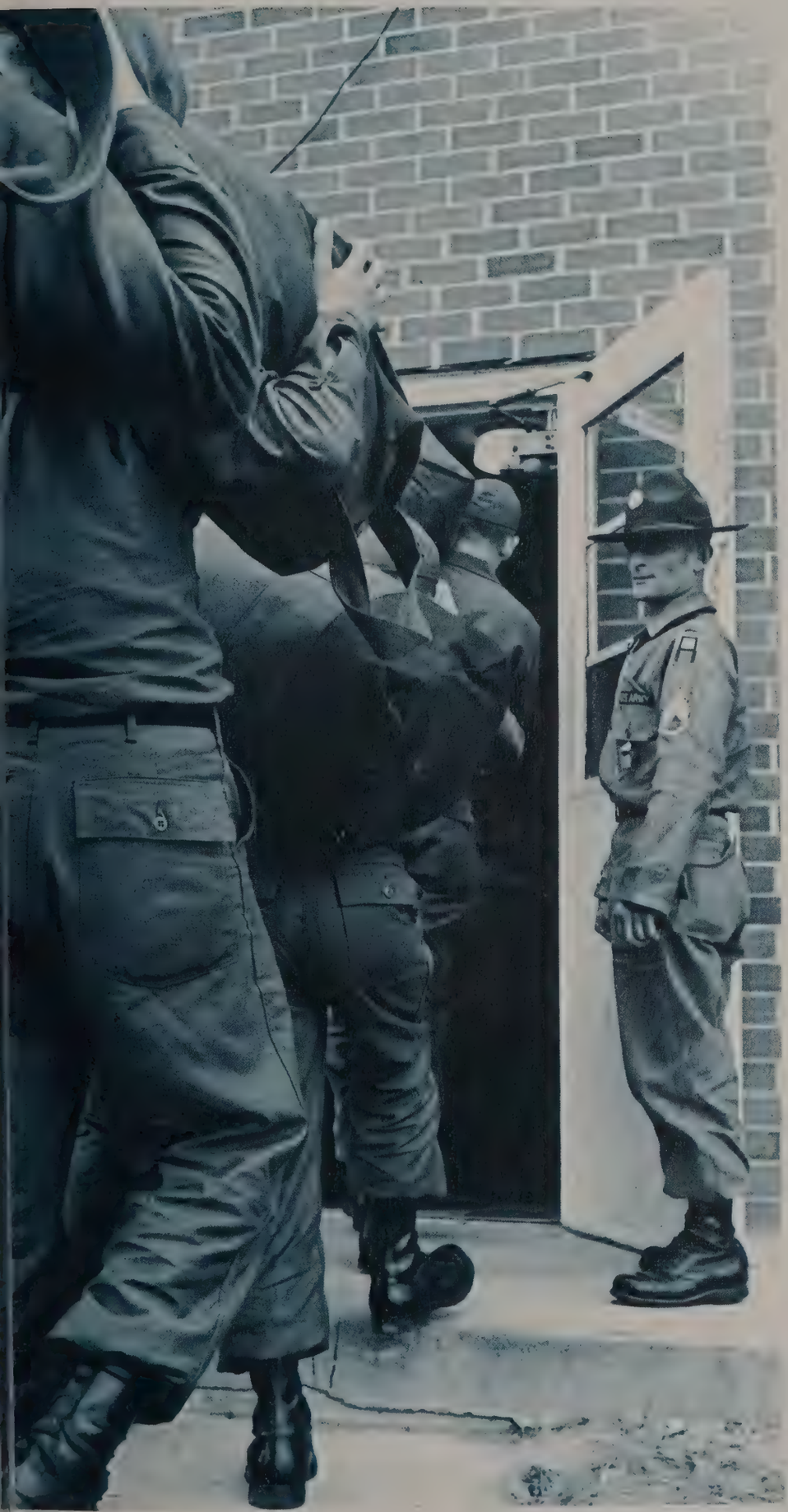
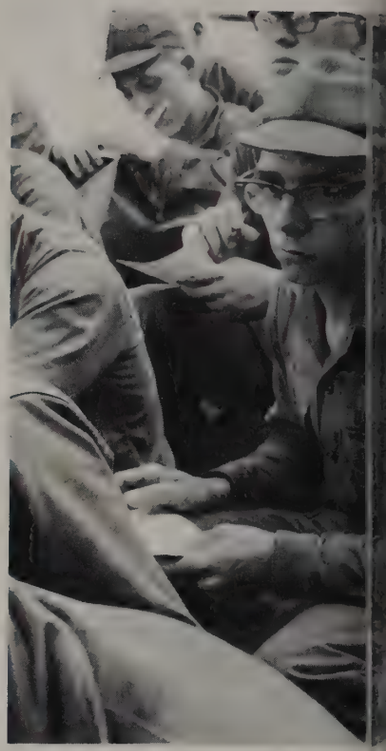
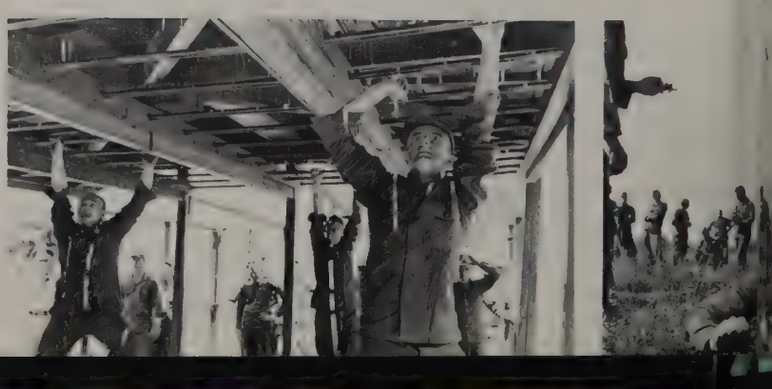
# COMPANY AREA A NEW HOME

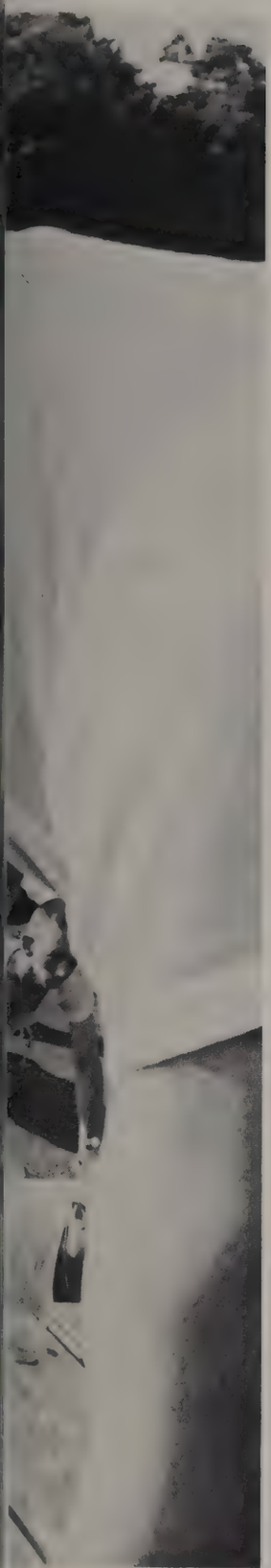


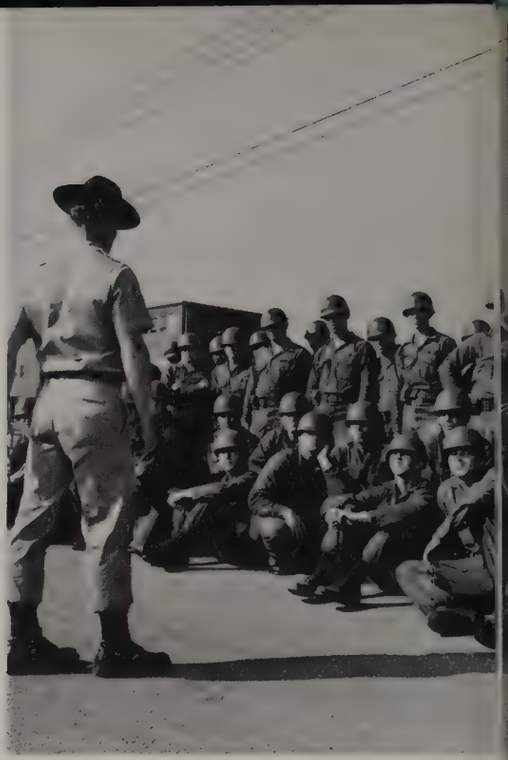


# WE DO IT THIS WAY.

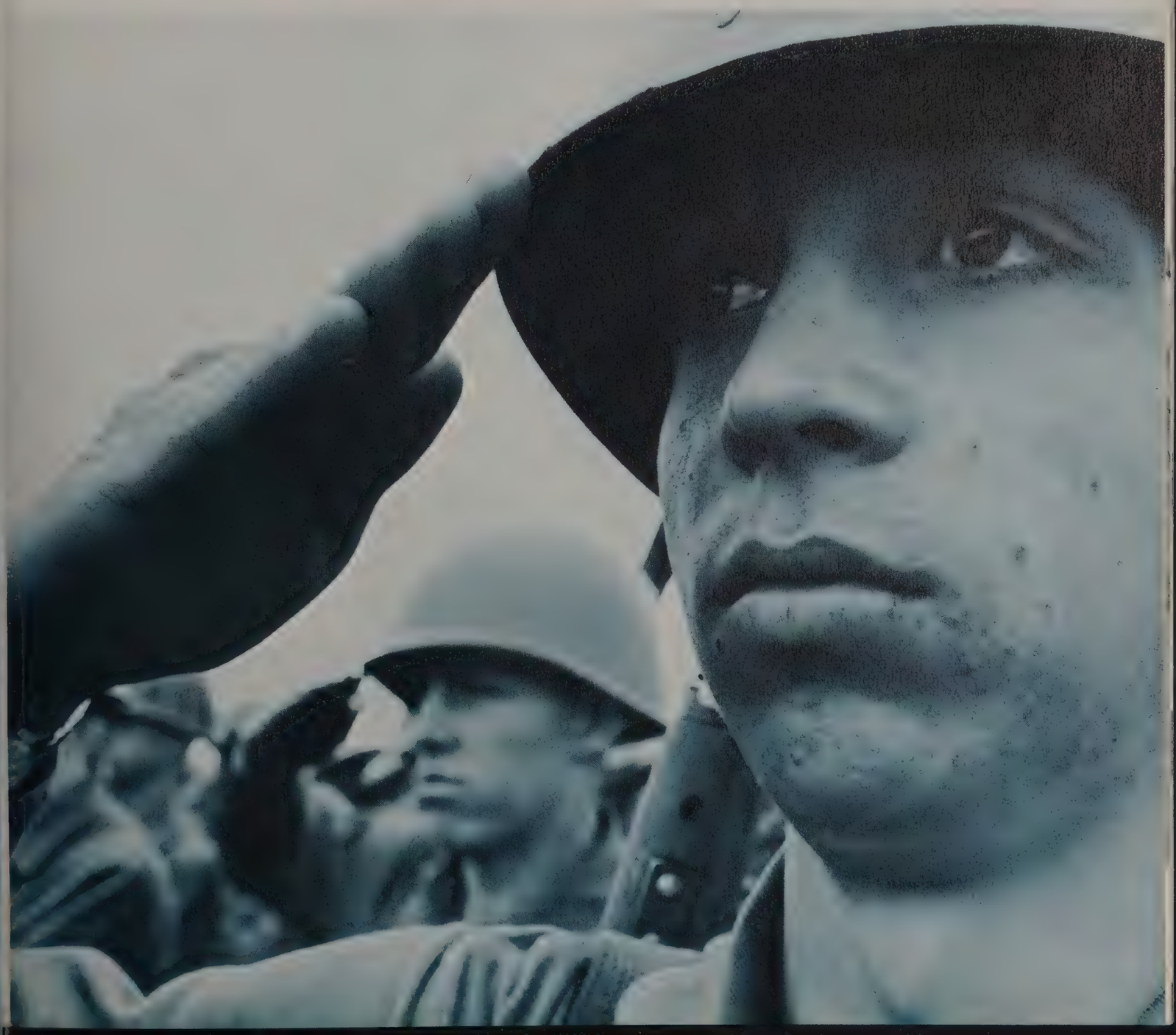
# CREATING ARMY MUSCLE







# ARMY DRILL



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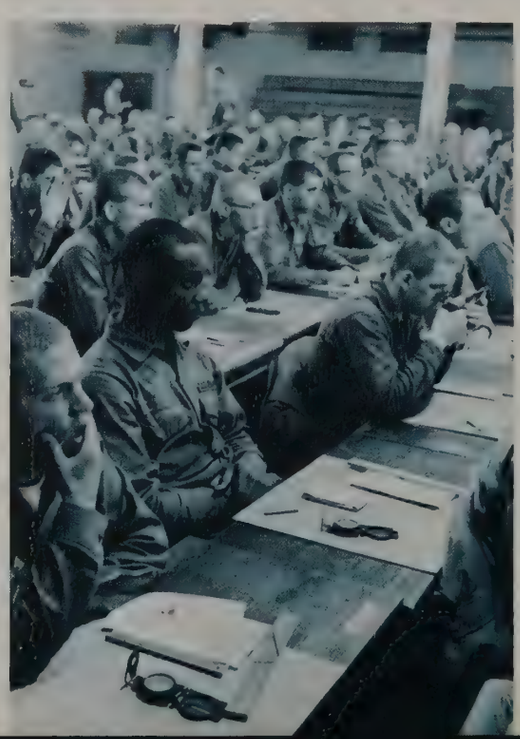

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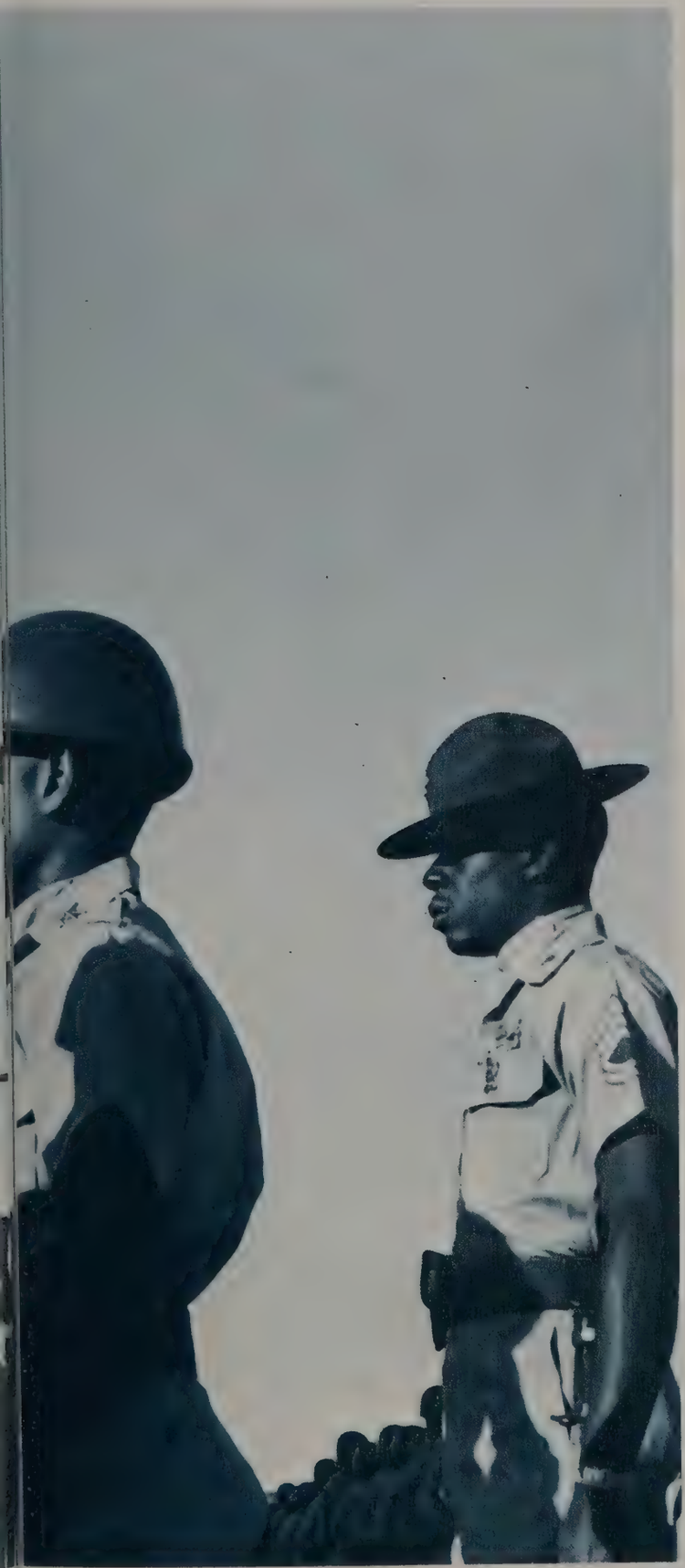
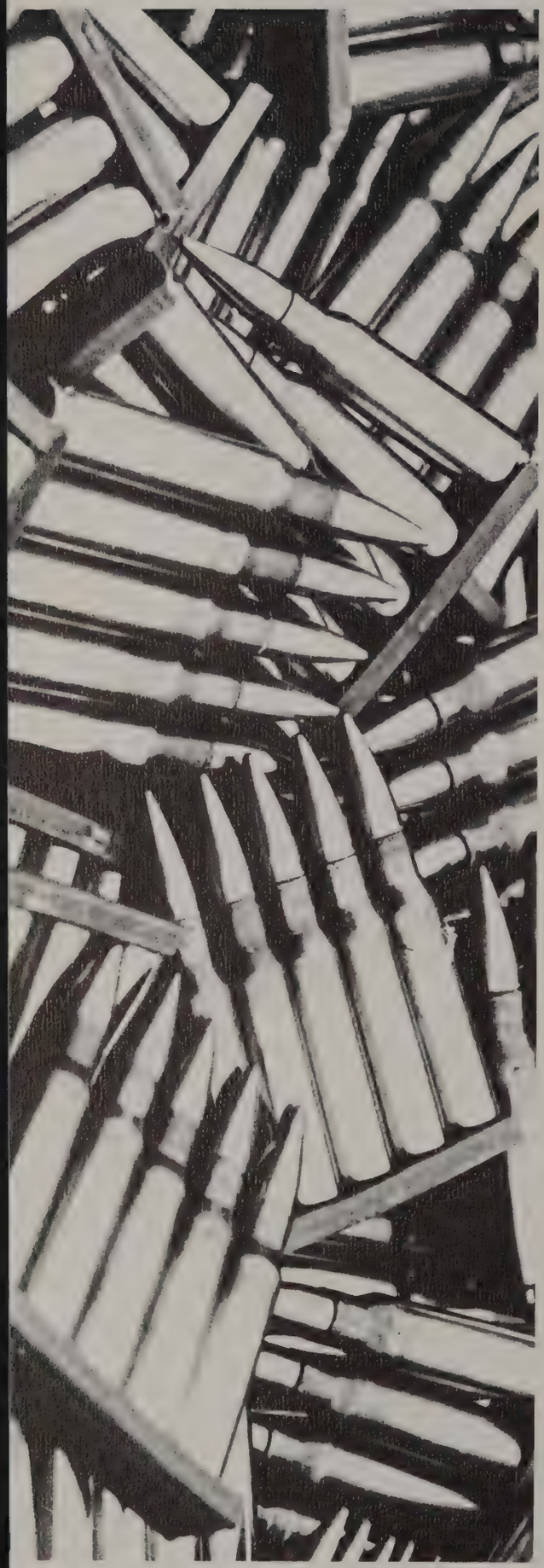
# INSPECTIONS . . . MOMENTS OF TRUTH

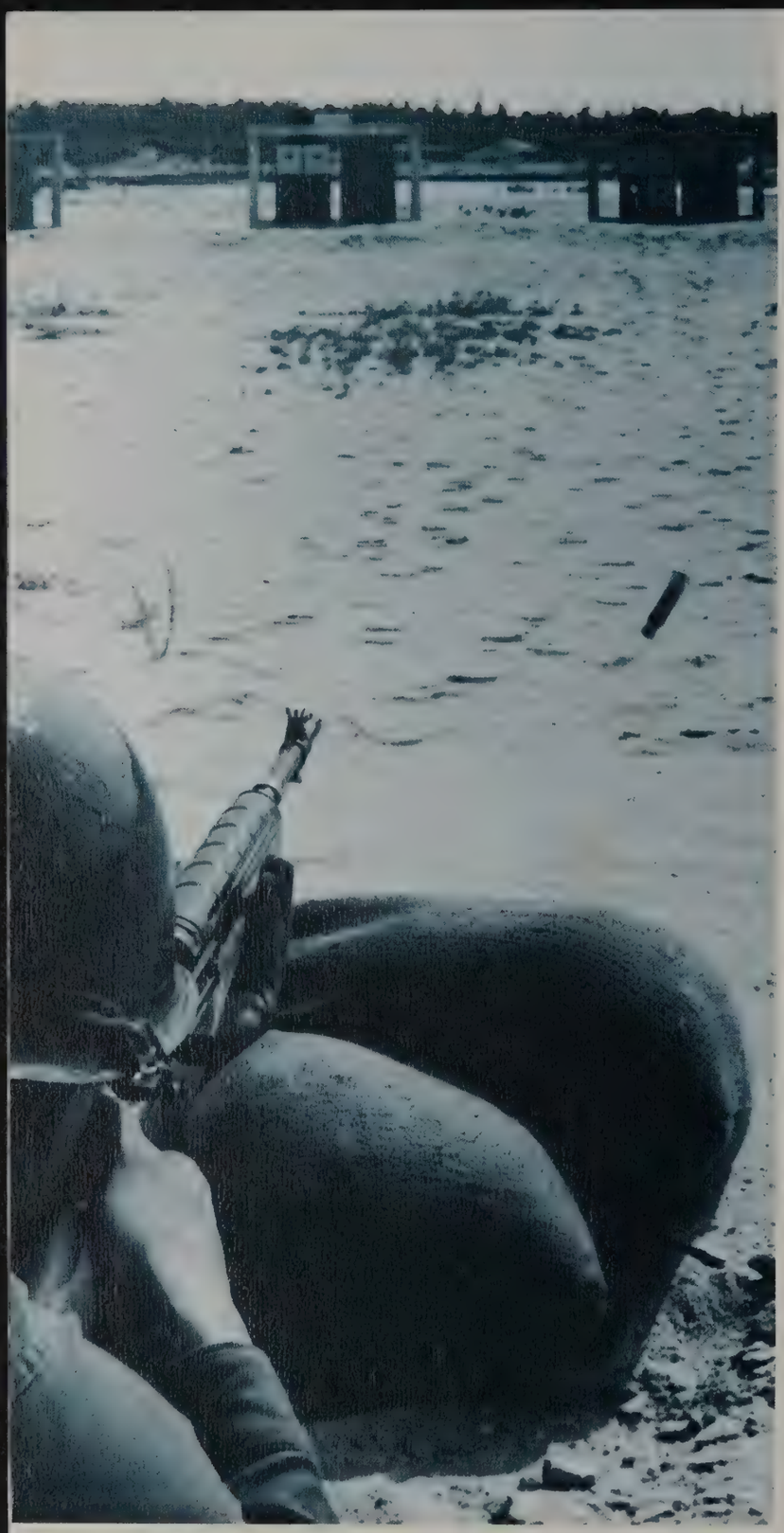


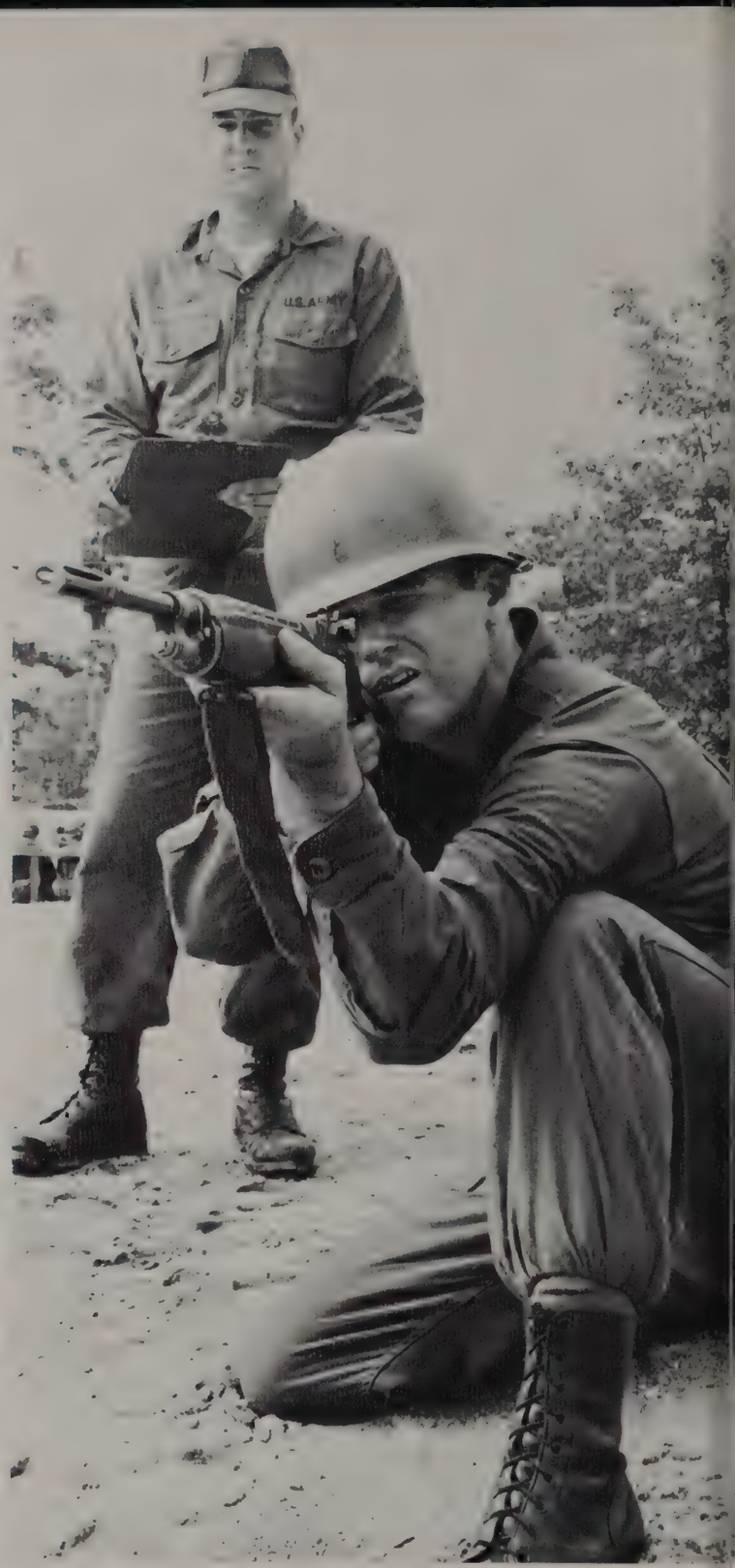


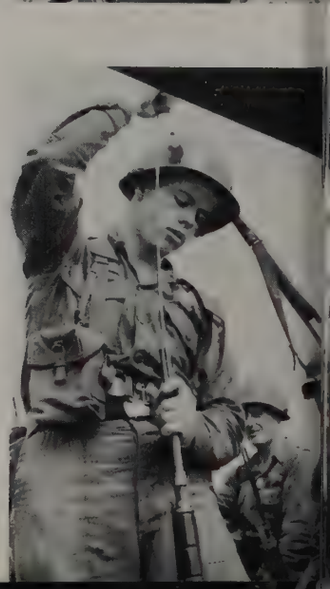
**MARKSMANSHIP . . . The man and his weapon . . . finding the target under combat conditions . . . realism in marksmanship . . . key to confidence . . . "Firers watch your lanes" . . . The whole weapon: the Infantryman and his rifle.**

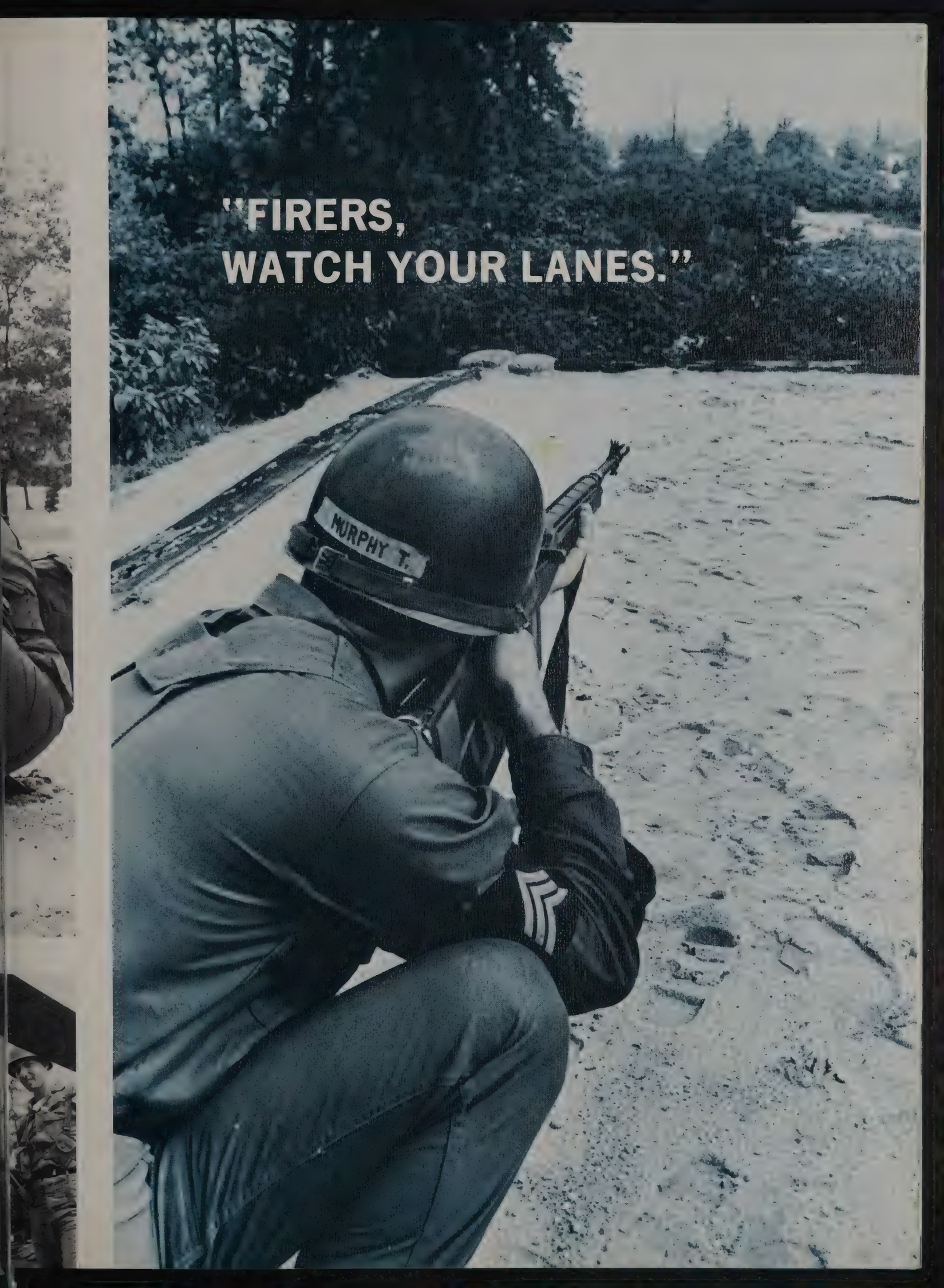
**HIS RIFLE —**

# . . . FINDING THE TARGET

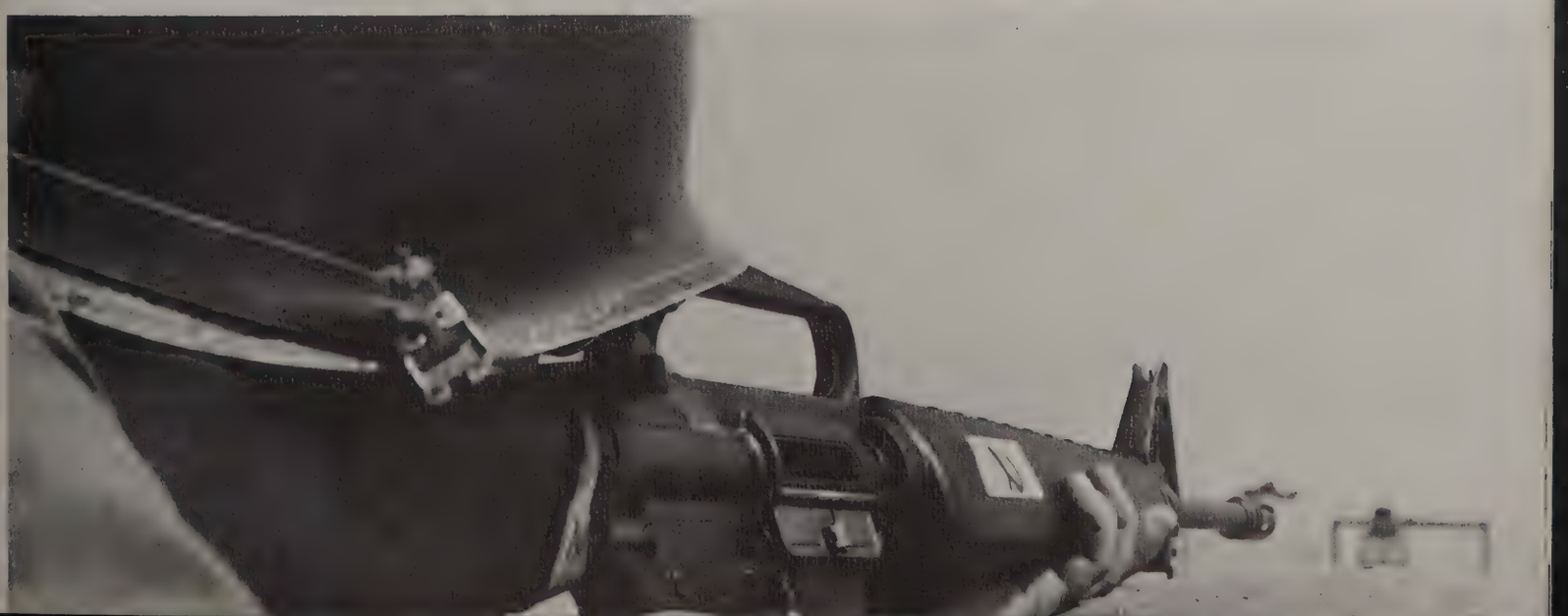






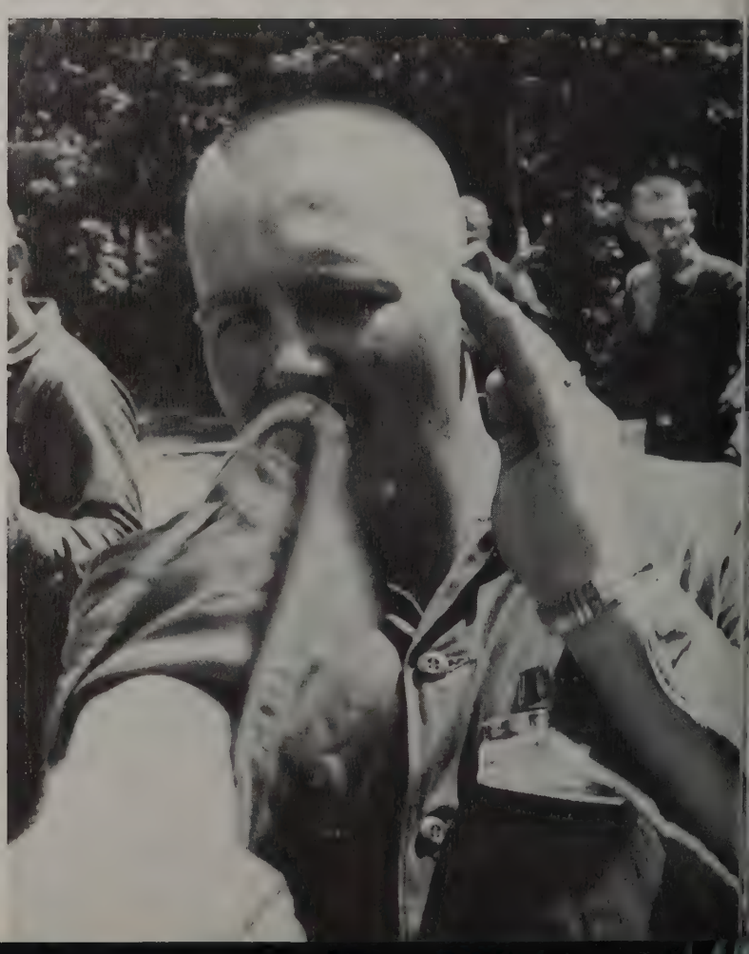

"FIRERS,
WATCH YOUR LANES."
MURPHY T.

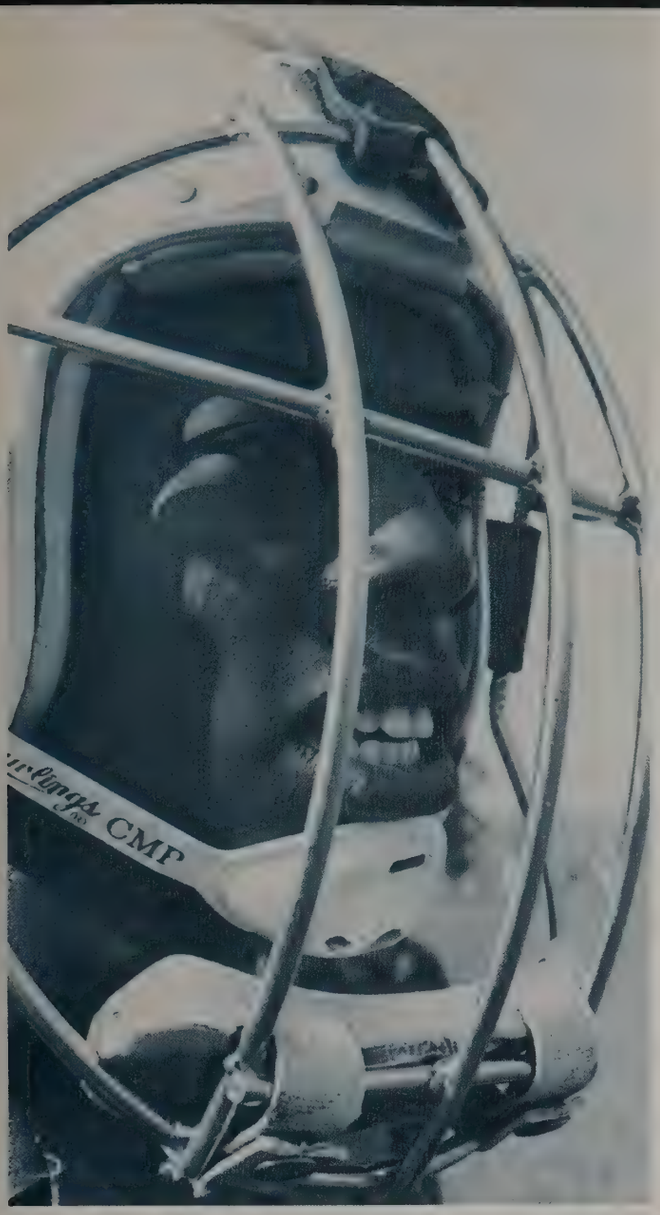
# THE M-16 RIFLE



# "TO CLOSE WITH THE ENEMY AND DEFEAT HIM"

# "...BY CLOSE COMBAT"

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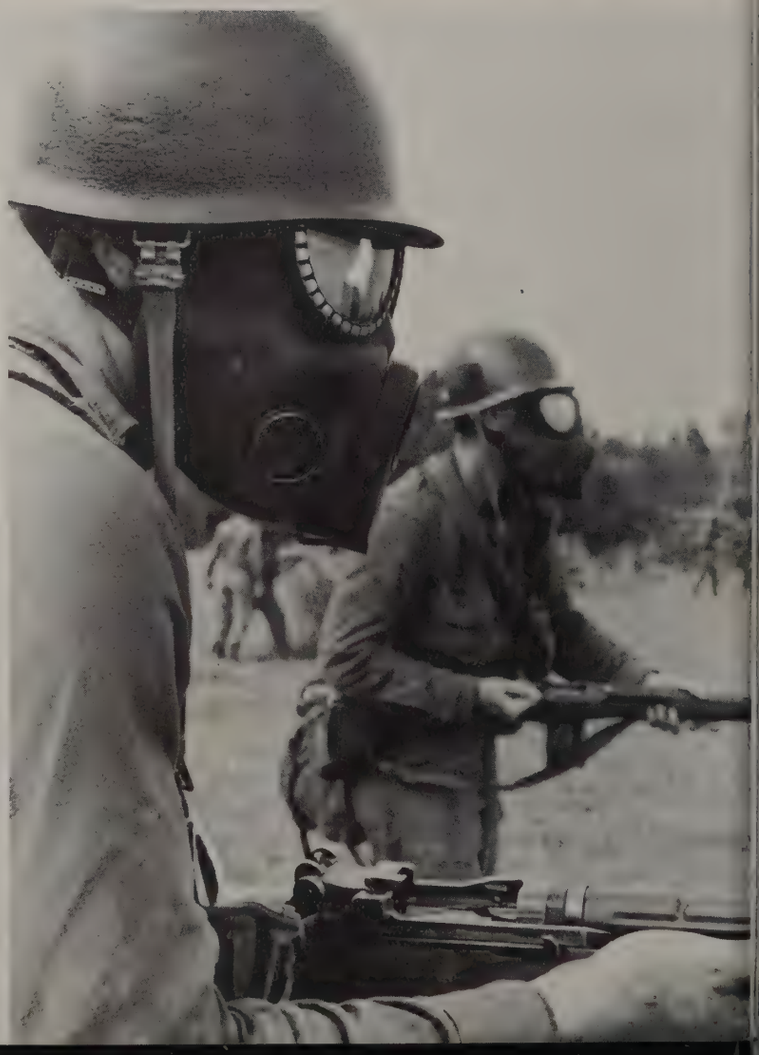
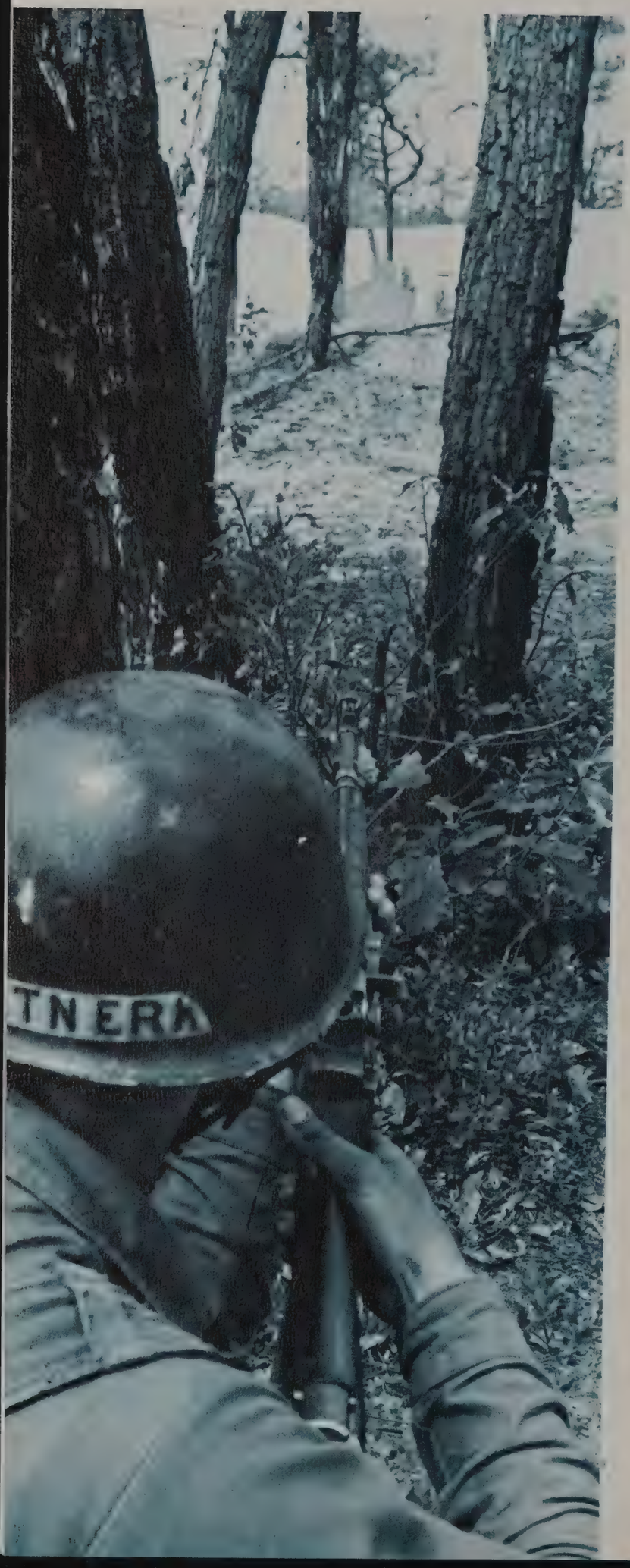


# FIRST AID

# TACTICAL TRAINING

"COVER ME BRAVO"

# TRAINING APPROACHES REALITY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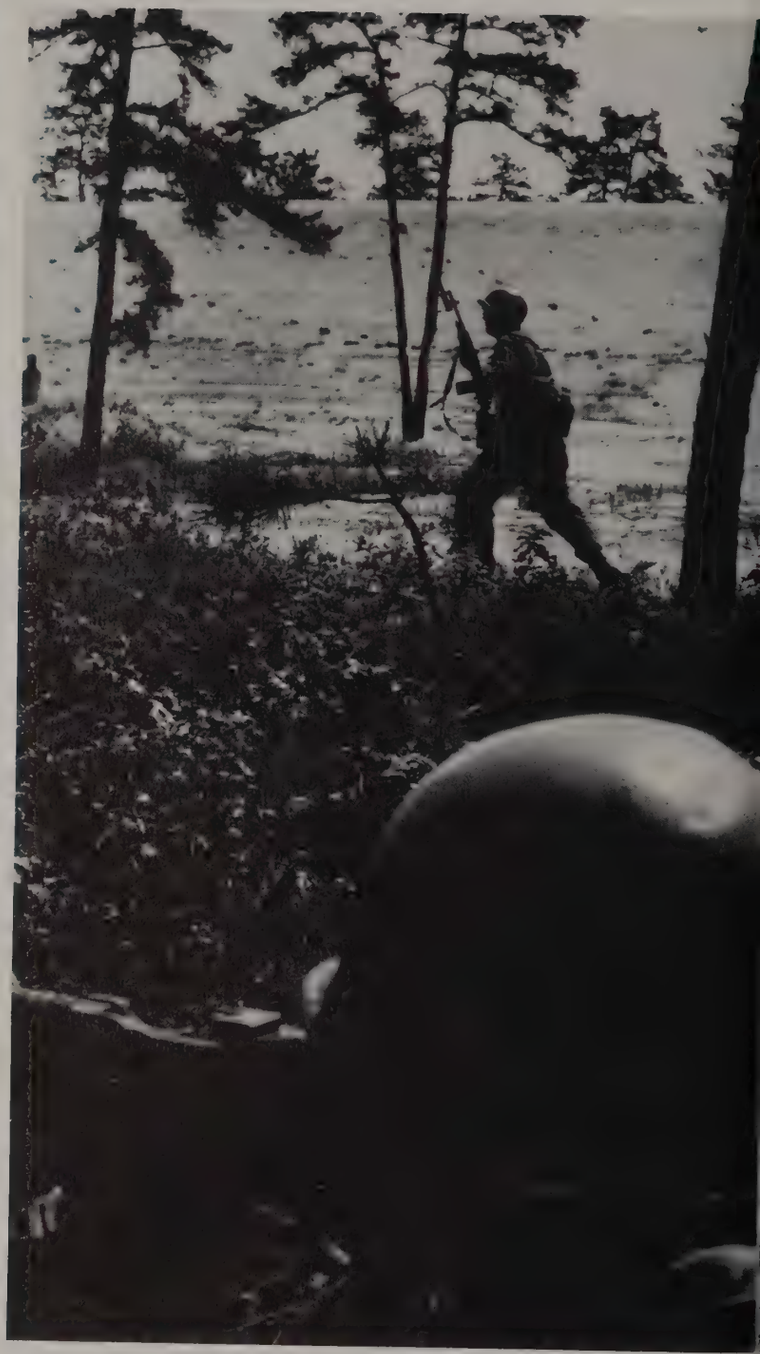
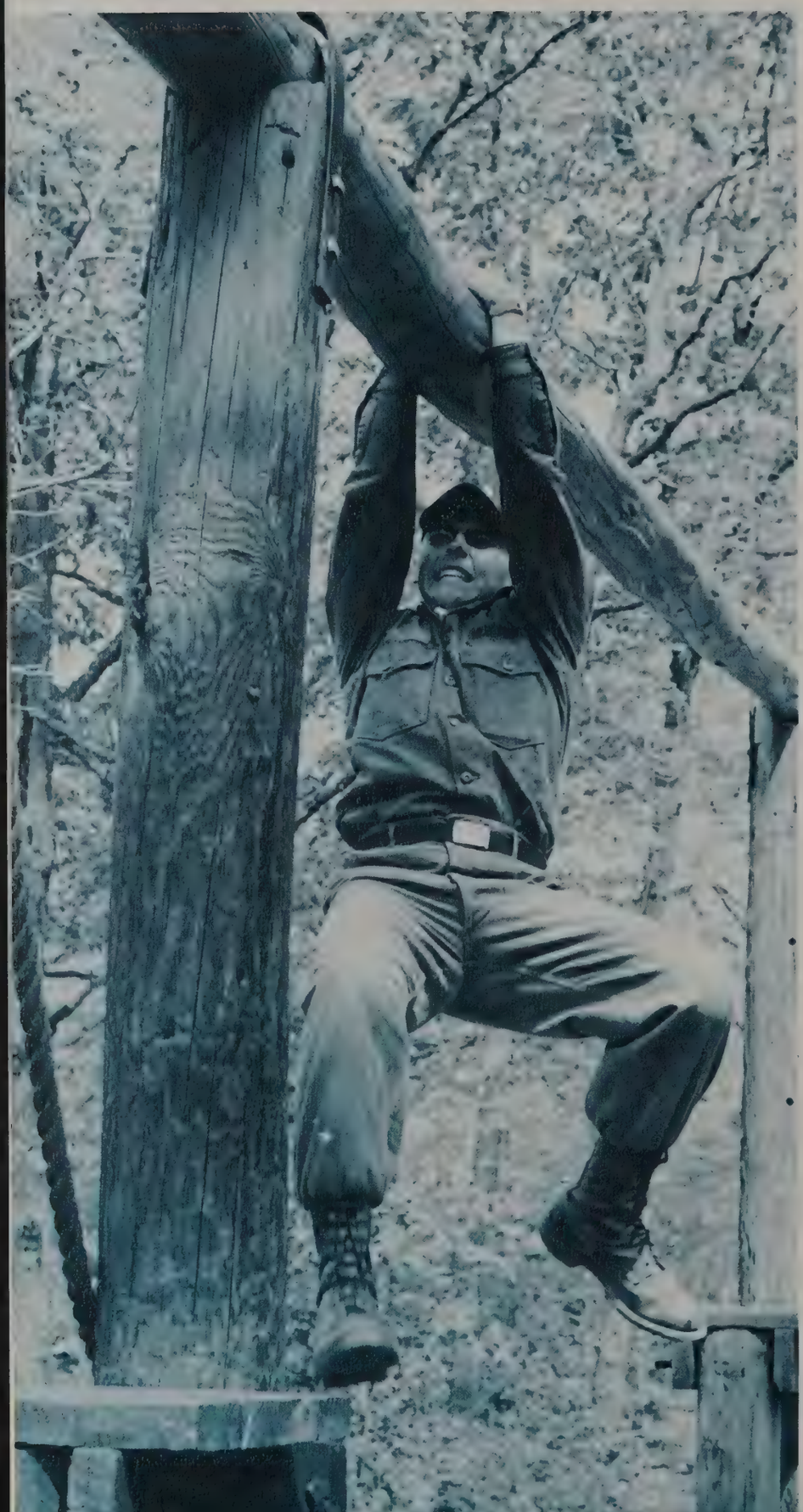
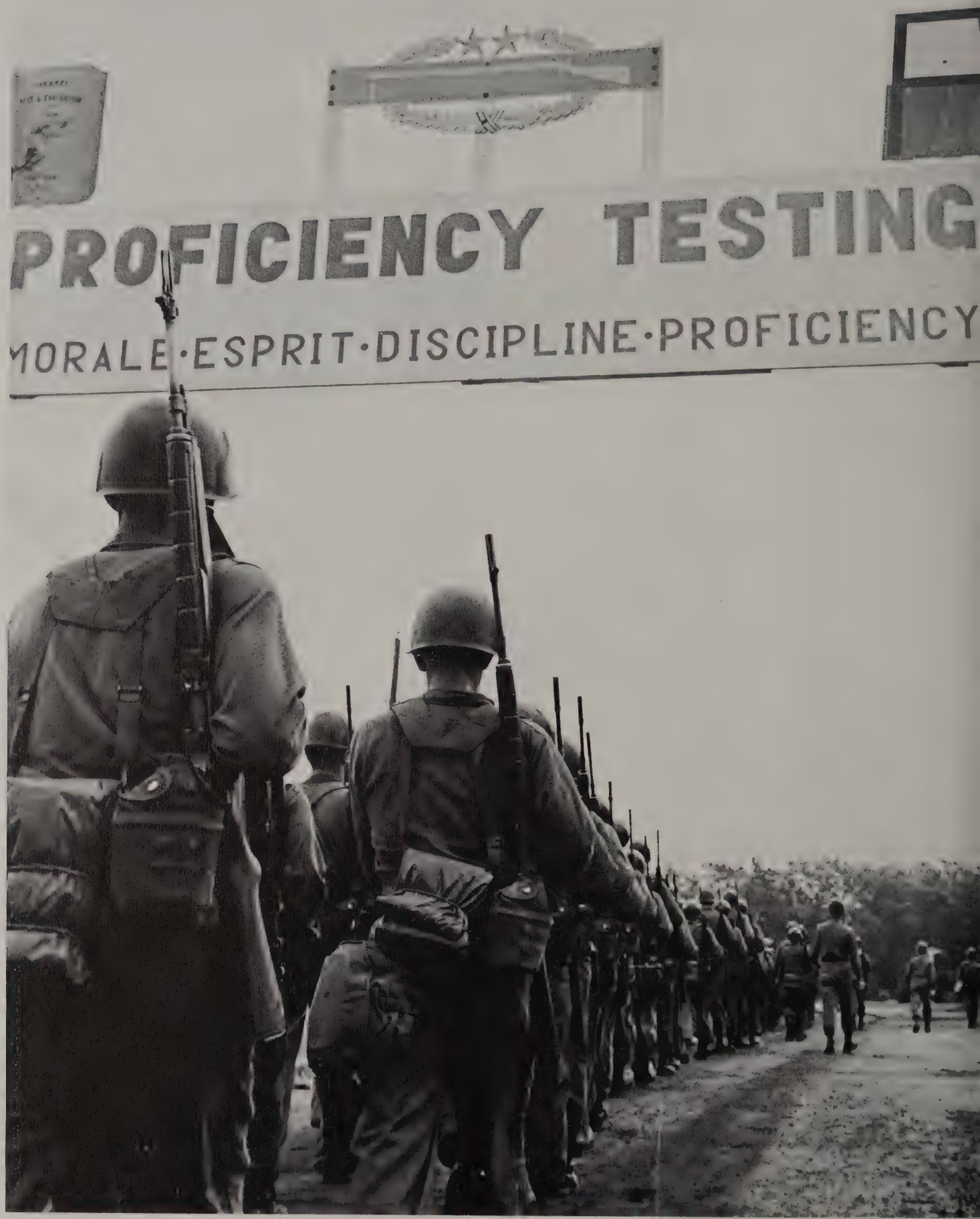


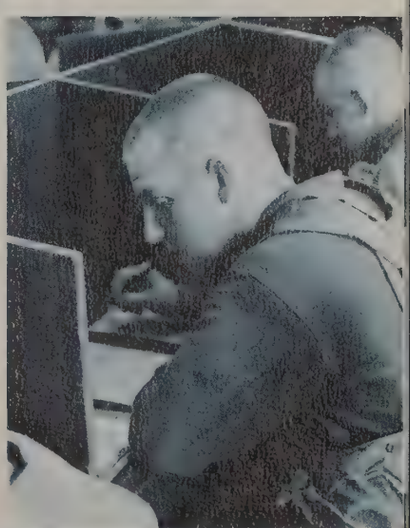
# THE TRAINEE BECOMES AN INFANTRYMAN

# CONFIDENCE




PROFICIENCY TESTING
MORALE·ESPRIT·DISCIPLINE·PROFICIENCY

**PROFICIENCY PARK** . . . The final mile, the big test. The graduating trainee proves to himself and the Army that he has mastered the basic ingredients in the art of soldiering.



I AM THE AMERICAN SOLDIER. For the American people, my family, my fellows, my sons to come — I carry on. Born of explorers, colonists, hunters in deer skins; schooled in the wilderness; fighting for our continent — I carried on for the rights of man. Wherever I was needed, whenever I was called, I stood and delivered. I came through. I was America on the march. And now today here I come again, marching again at the same old job — same old, brand new job — marching again with all free men. I am the ring of steel around Democracy; the ramparts that you sing about; I am the Citizen Soldier; the Nation in Arms. I am the eyes of the cannon, the marching refrain, the brains of the tank, the nerves of the plane, the heart of the shell. I am the Liberty Bell; the salt of our youth. I am the fighting man of every outpost from Alaska to Hawaii to Korea and Vietnam; from Panama to Puerto Rico to Iceland and beyond. Whatever the need — for the spirit of Liberty, for the future we're making — I, the American Soldier, am the shield.

# 3D BRIGADE PIONEERS

COLONEL
ALVAN C. HADLEY, JR.
Brigade Commander

# COMPANY A 5th BATTALION

## GRADUATION DATE — JULY 9, 1970

## COMPANY OFFICERS AND CADRE

CAPTAIN Wayne LaFaver, PSG Persile Bunch, SSG Samuel Wallace, SSG Moses Arnold, SSG Luis Rivera.
KNEELING WITH GUIDON: SGT Manuel Rebello.

PSG
EARL CLARK
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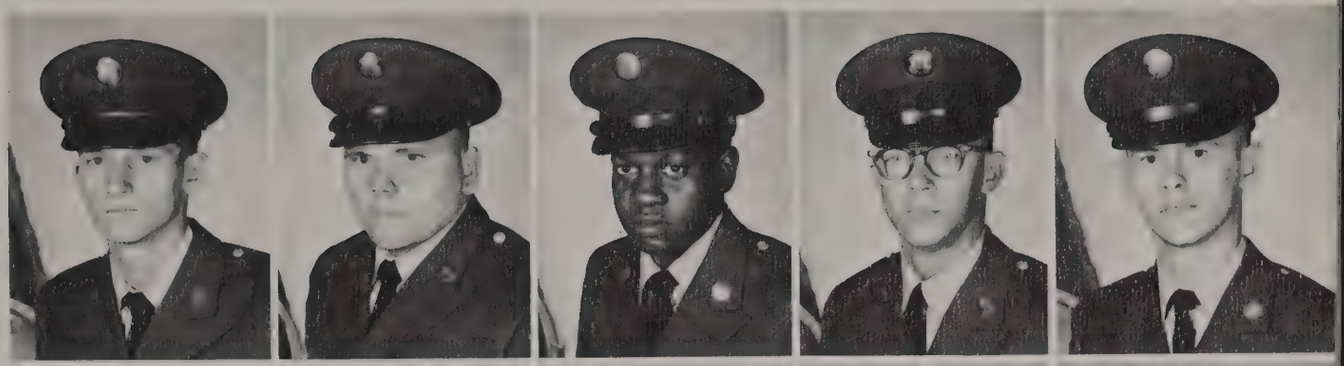

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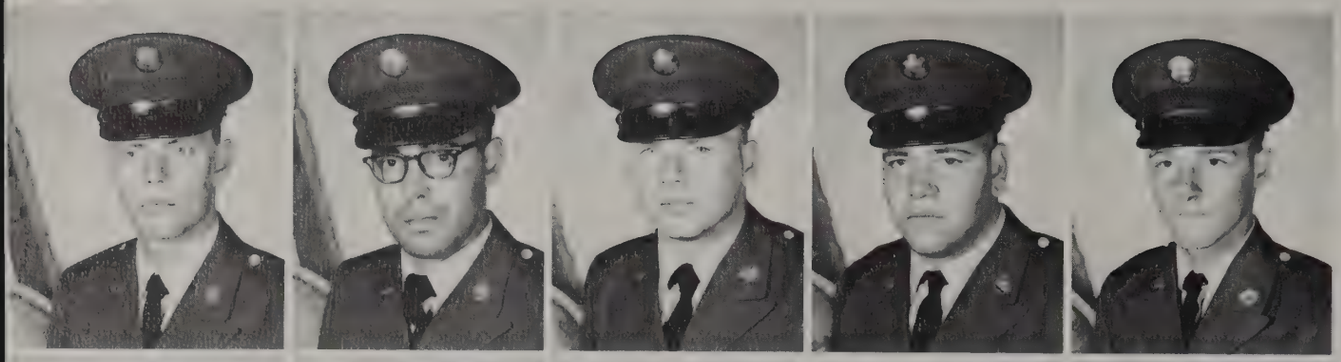

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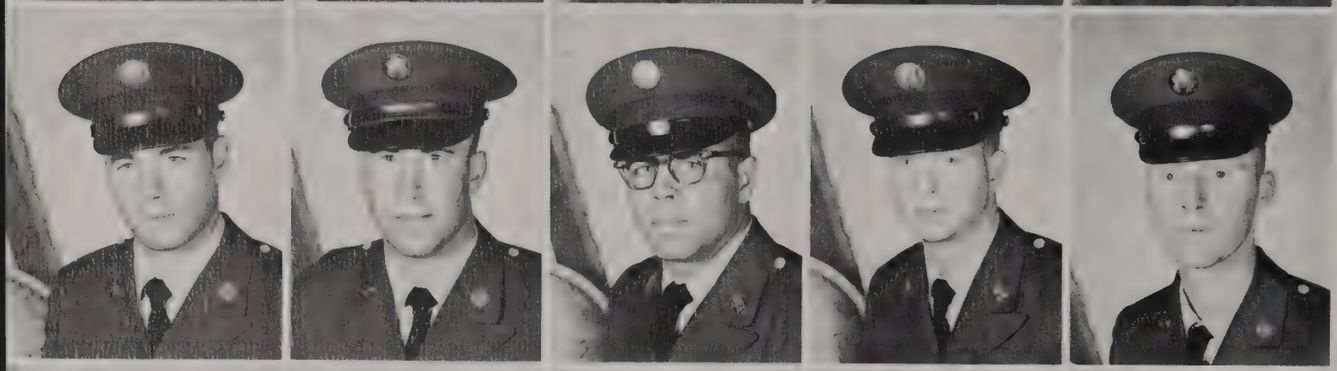

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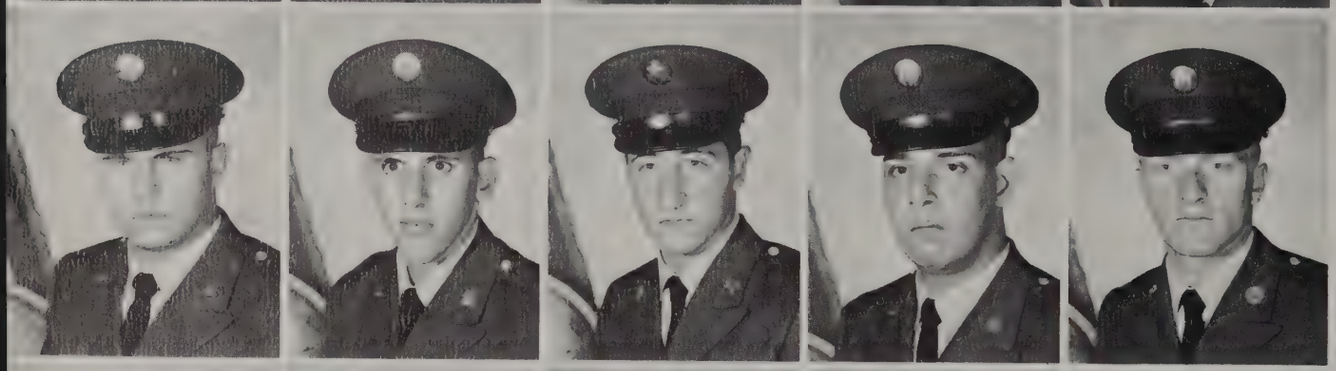

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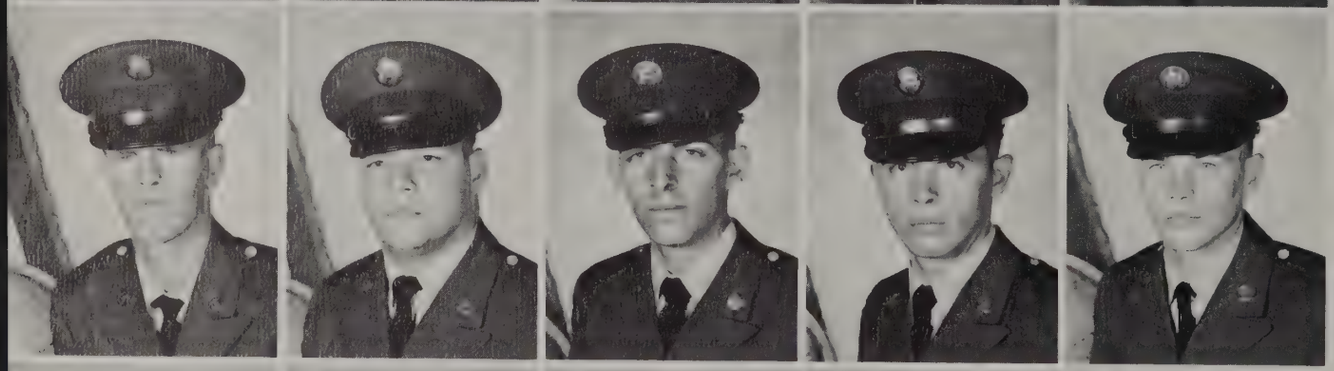

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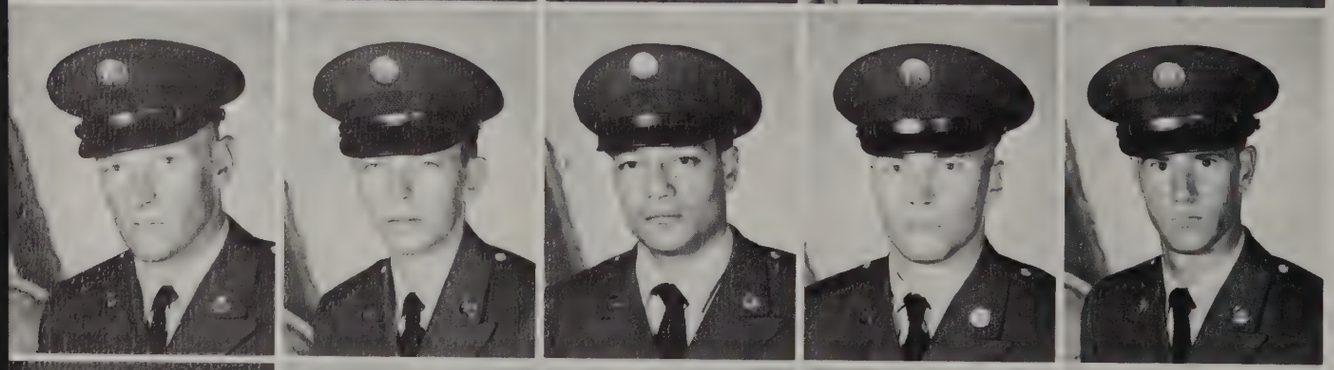

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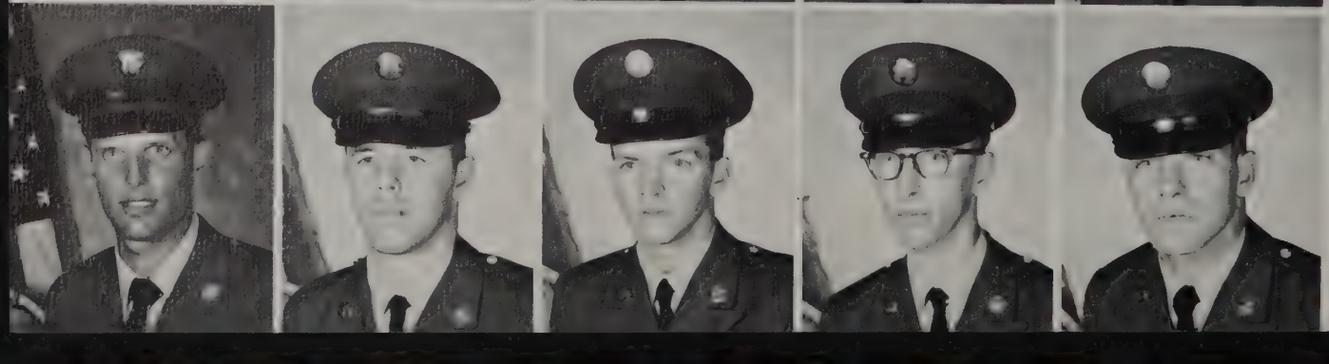

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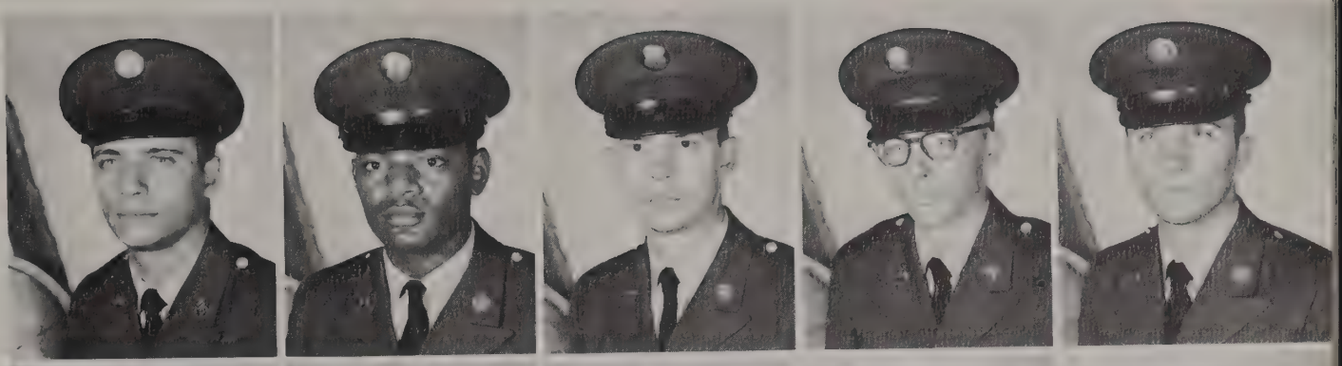

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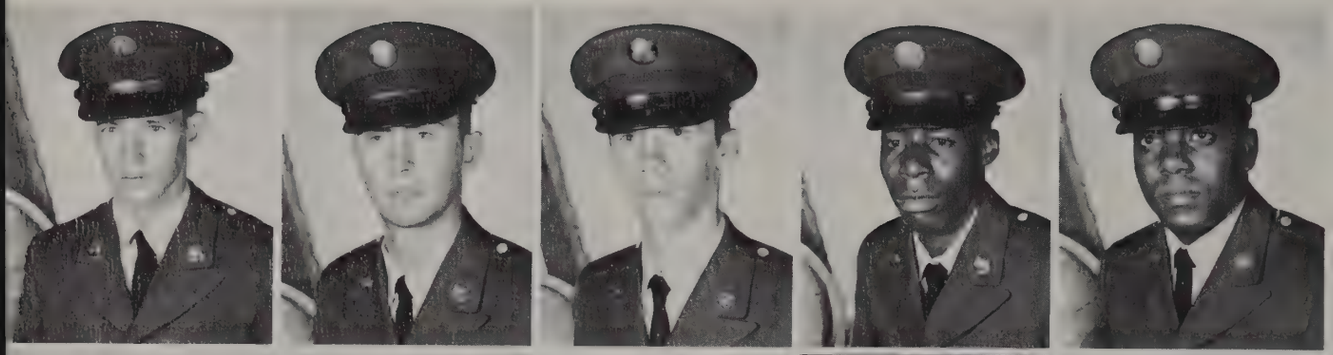

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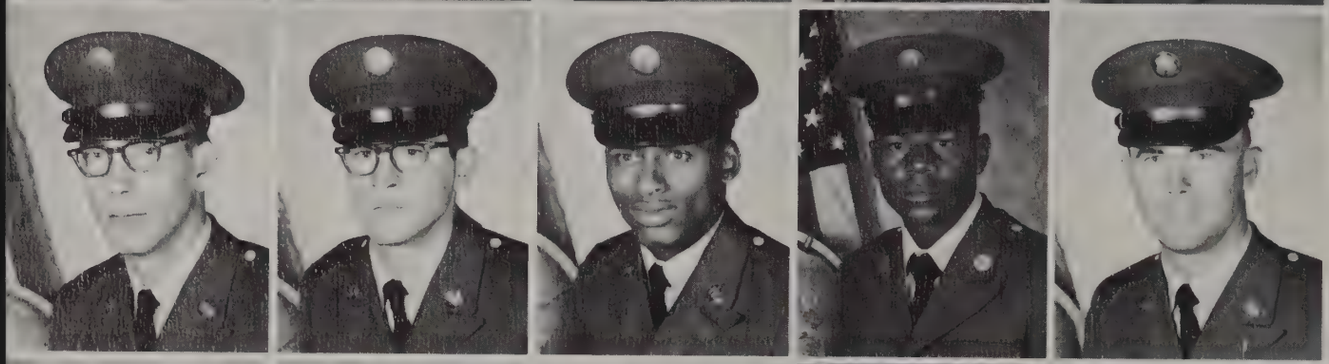

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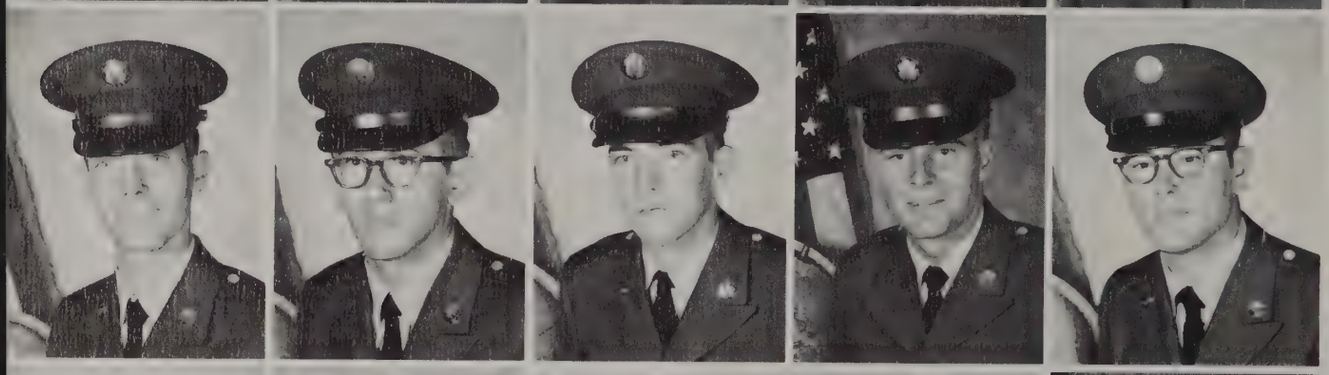

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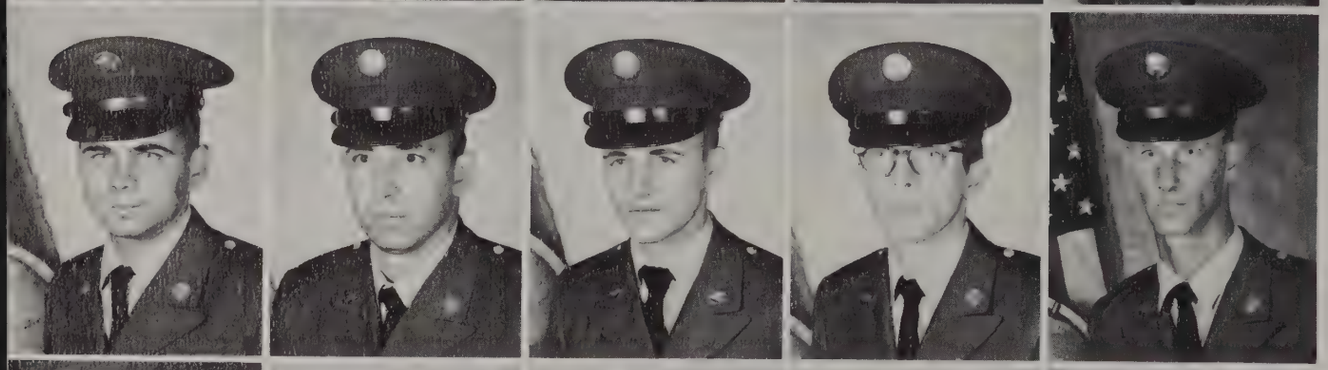

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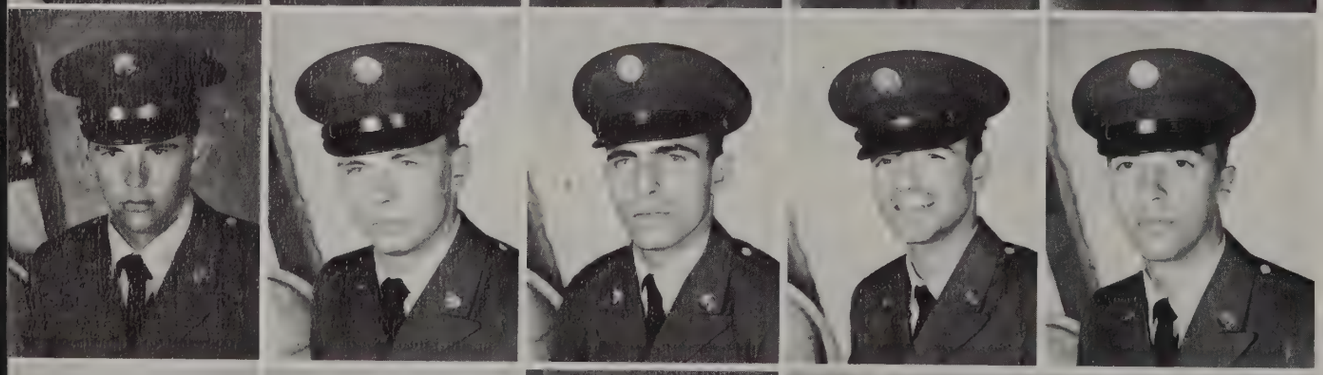

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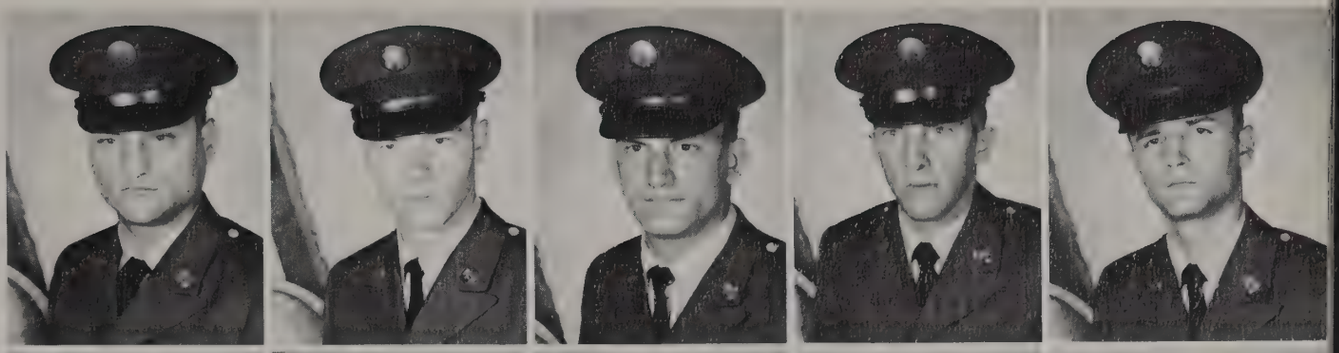

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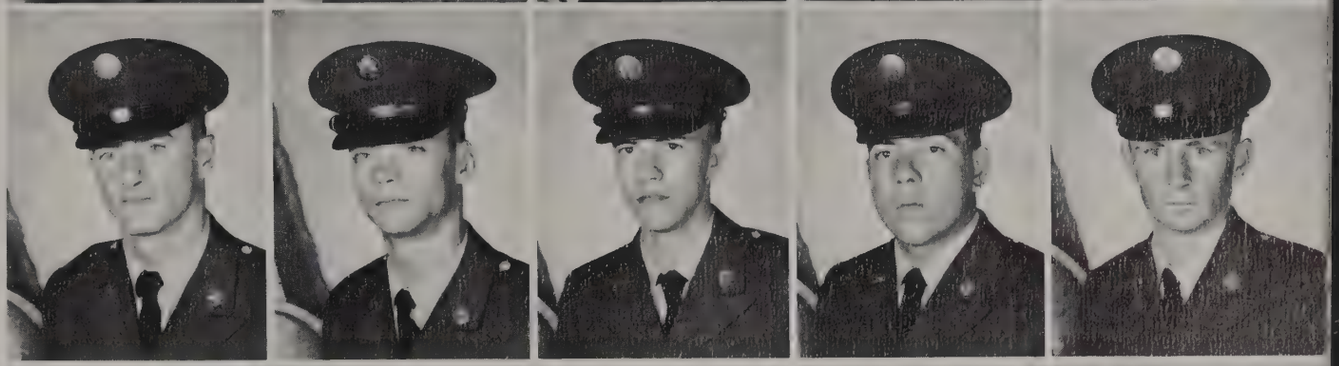

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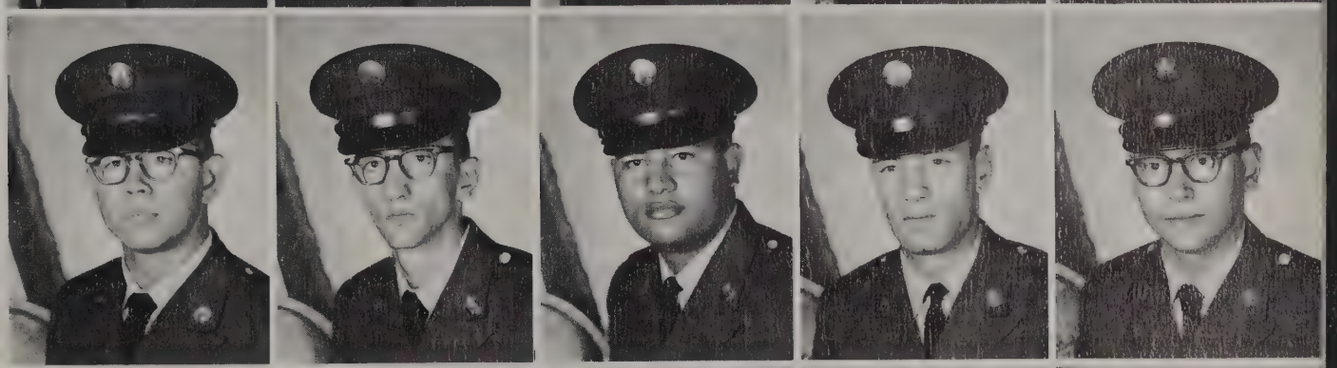

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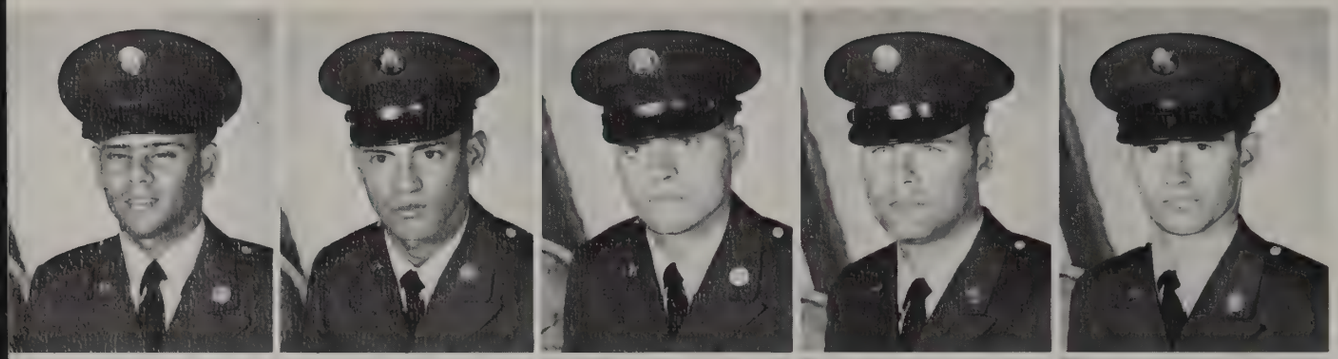

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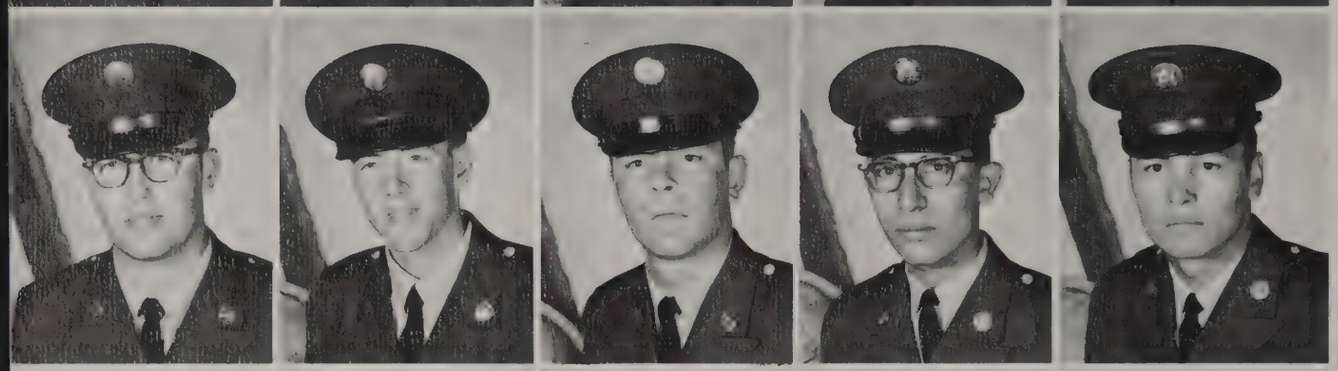

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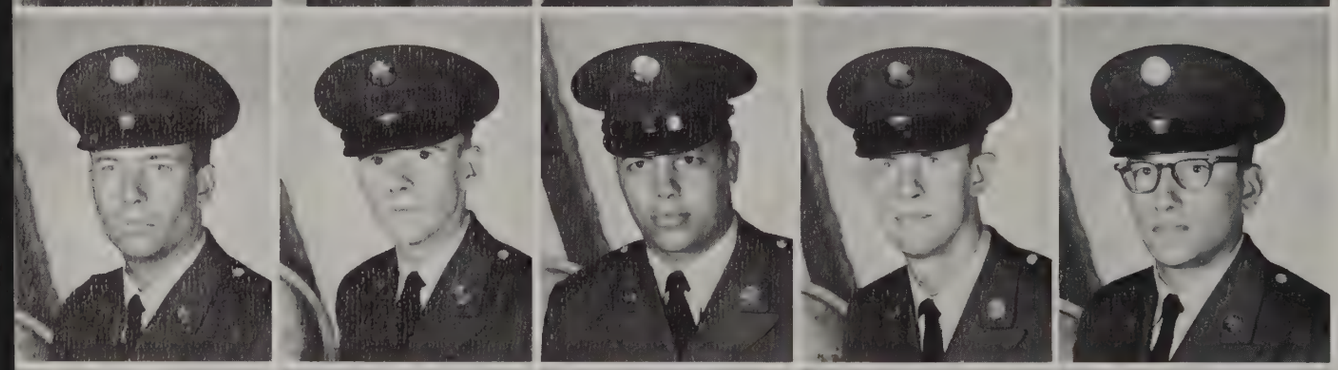

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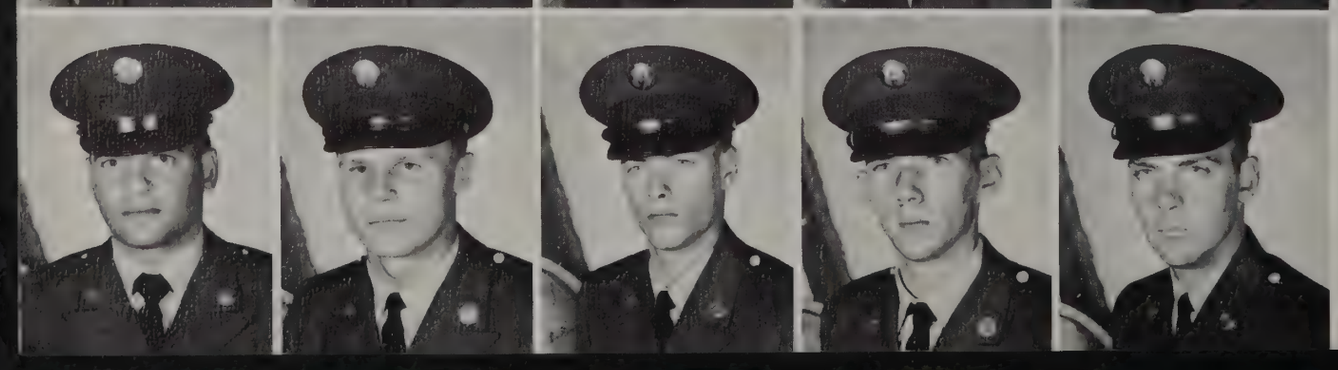

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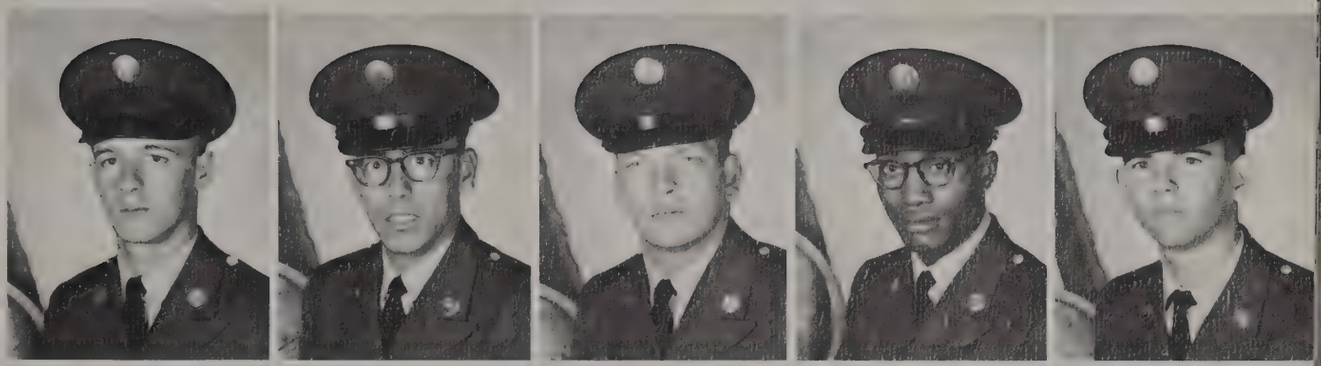

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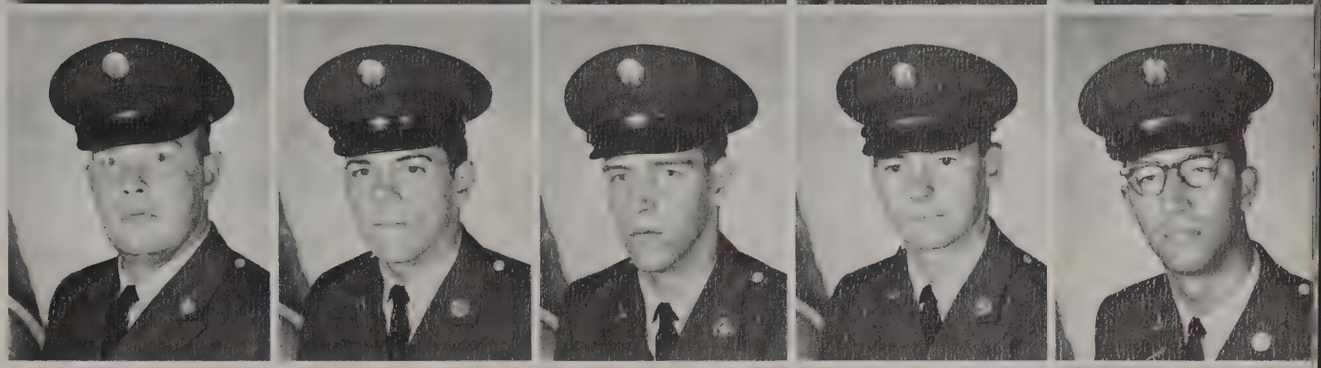

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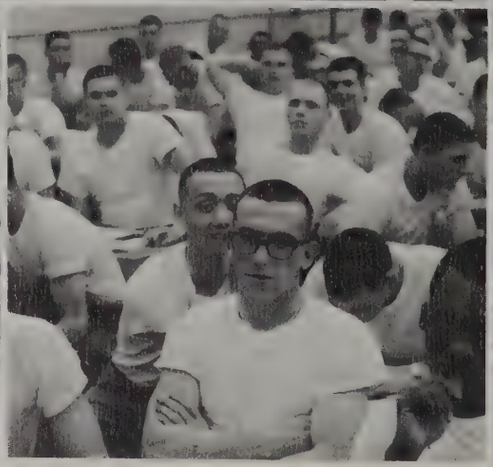

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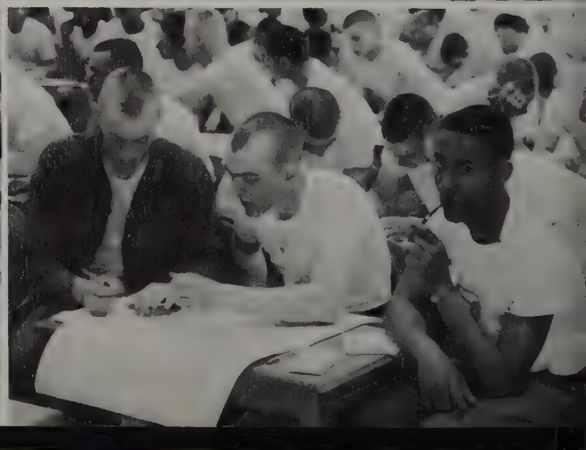

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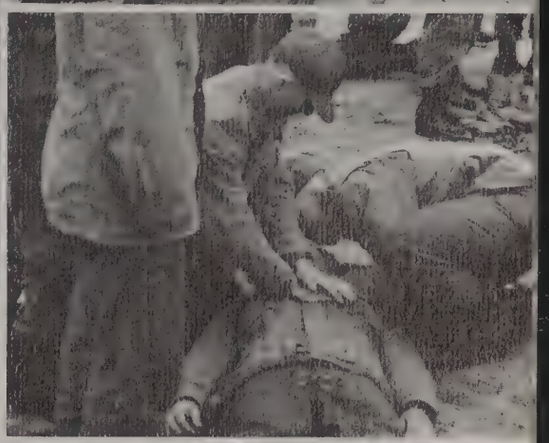

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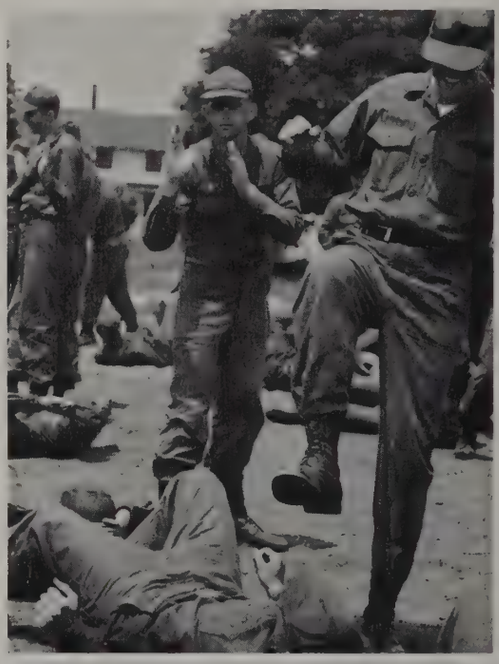
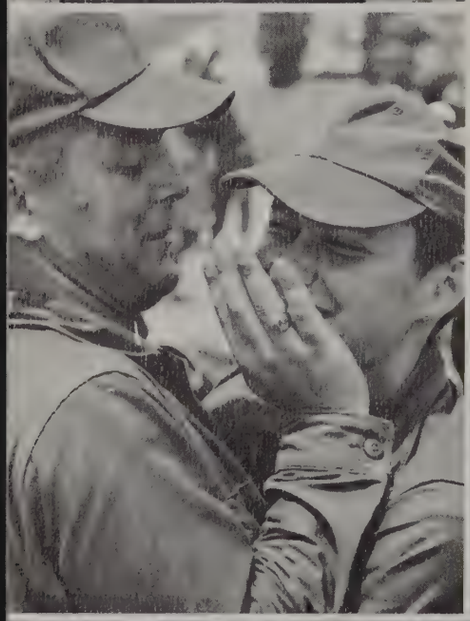

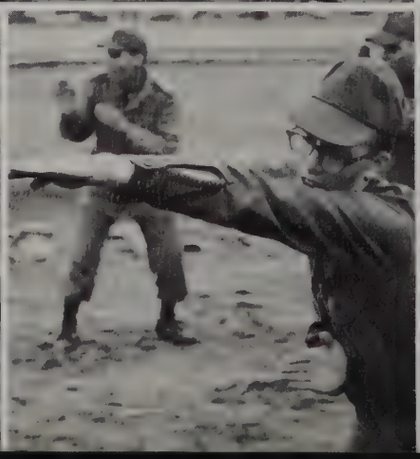

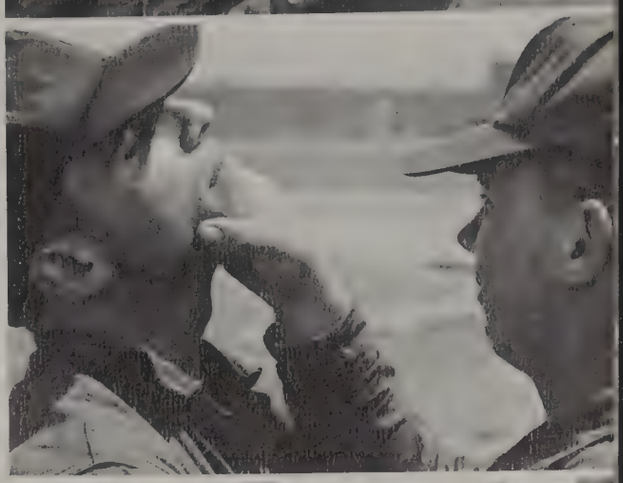

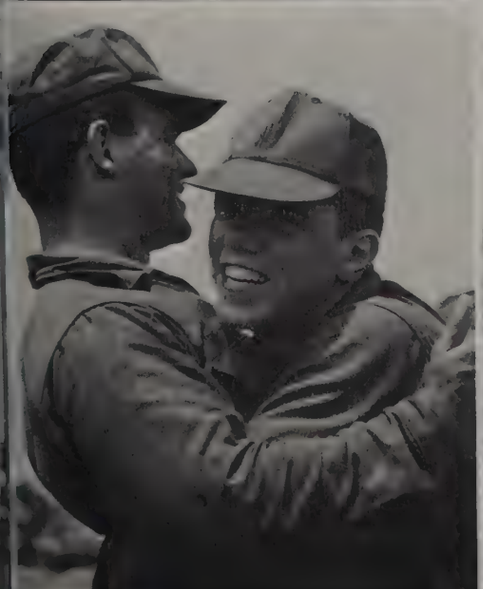
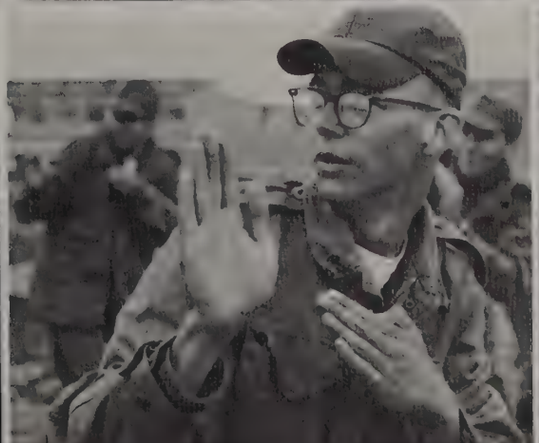

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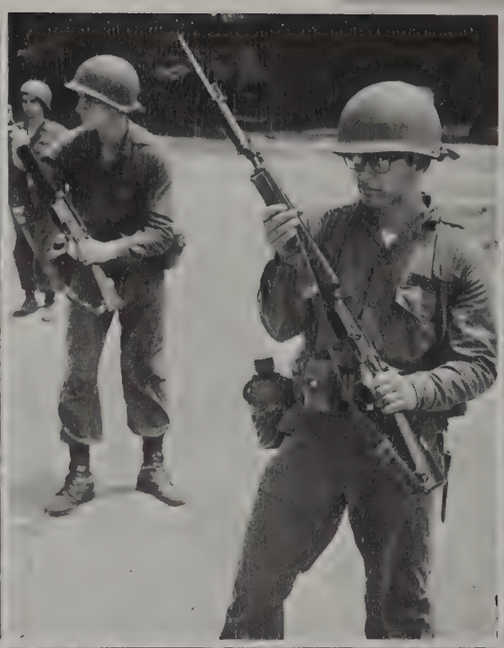

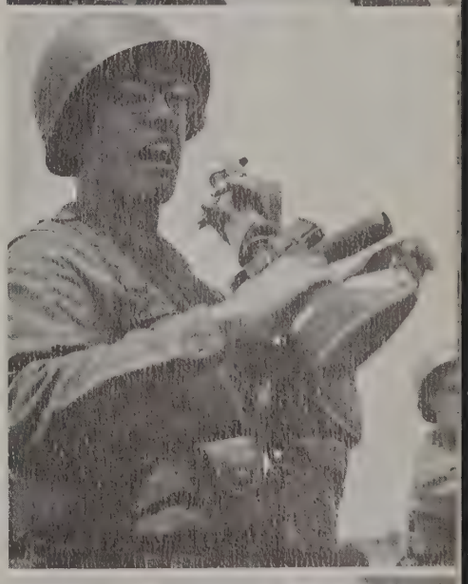

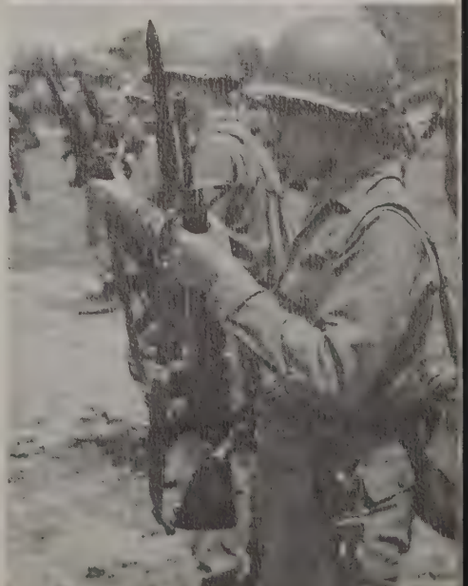

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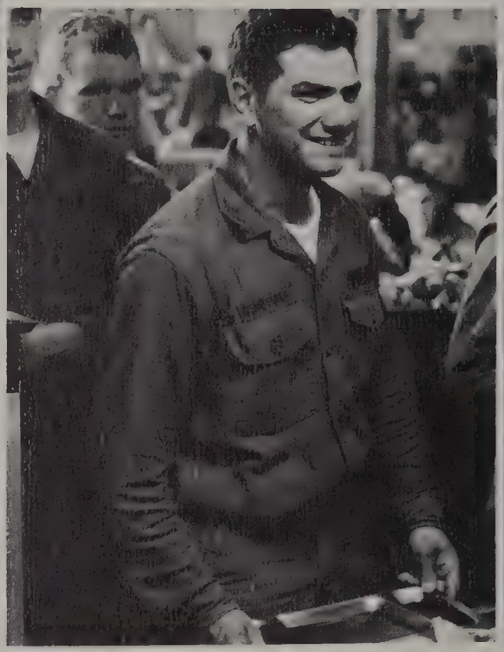
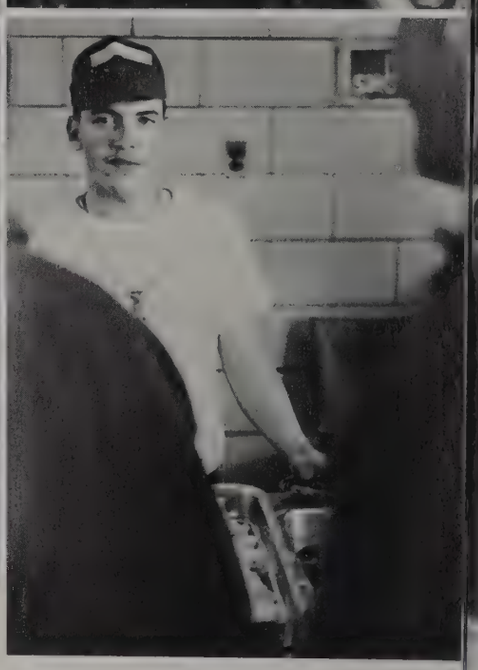

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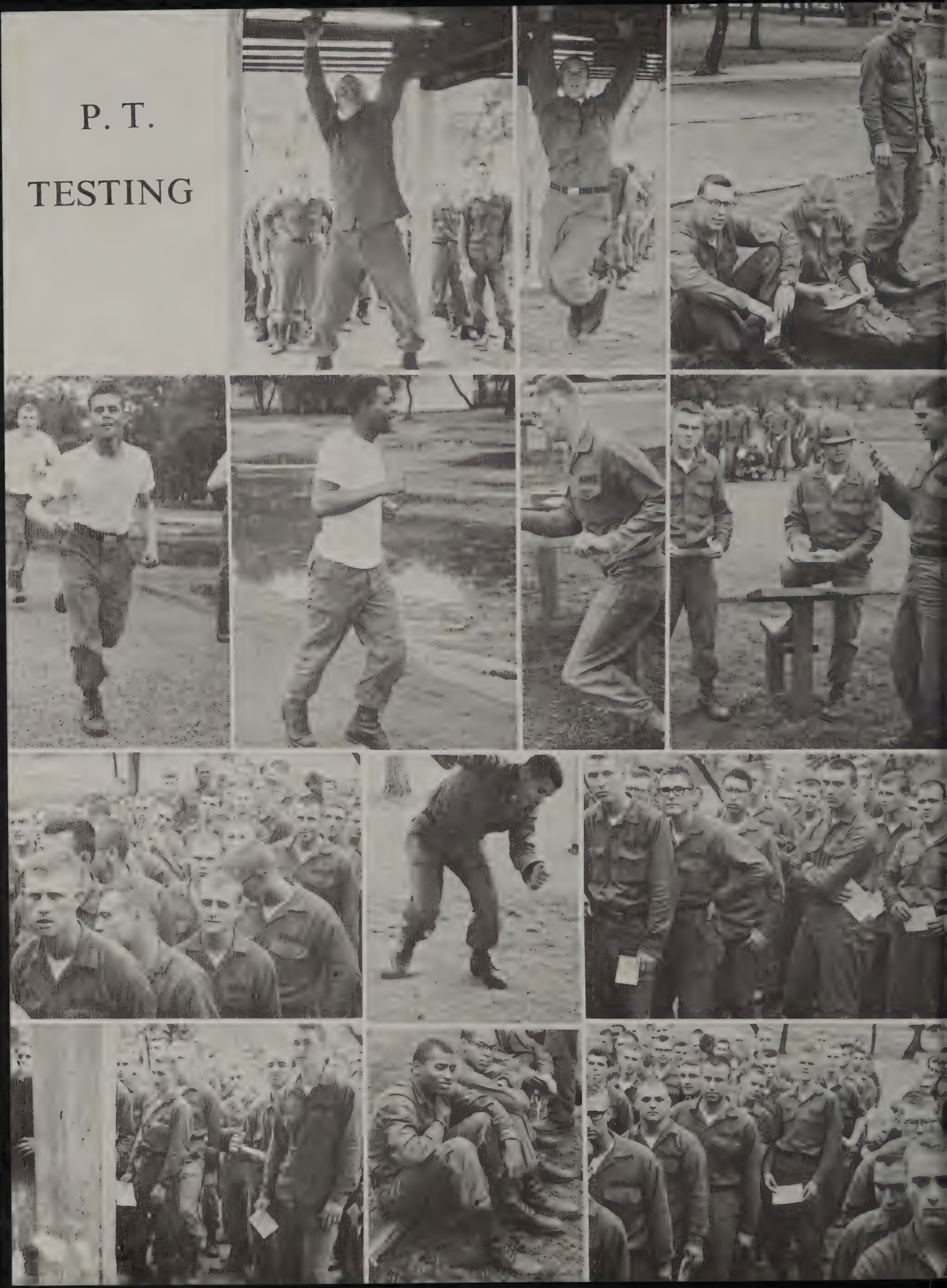

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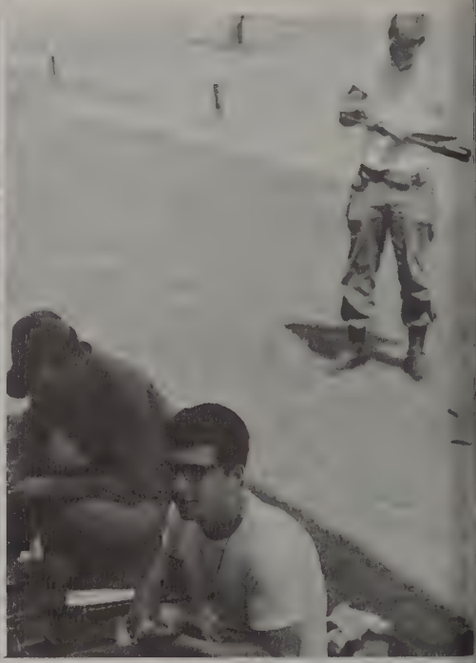
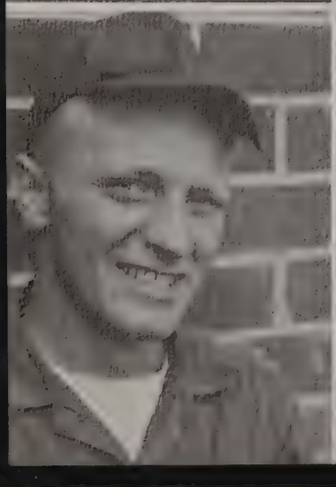

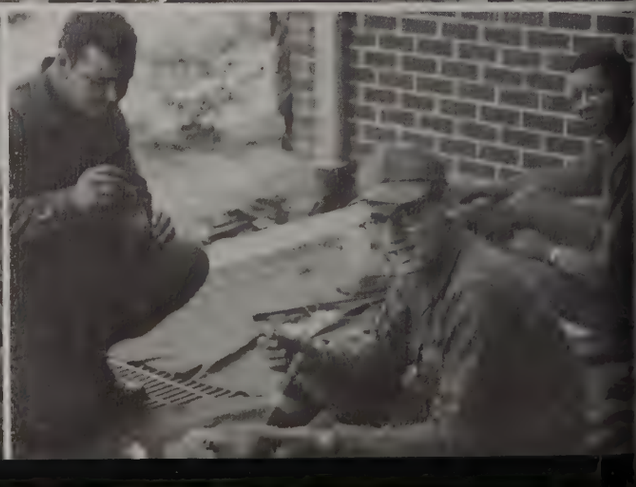

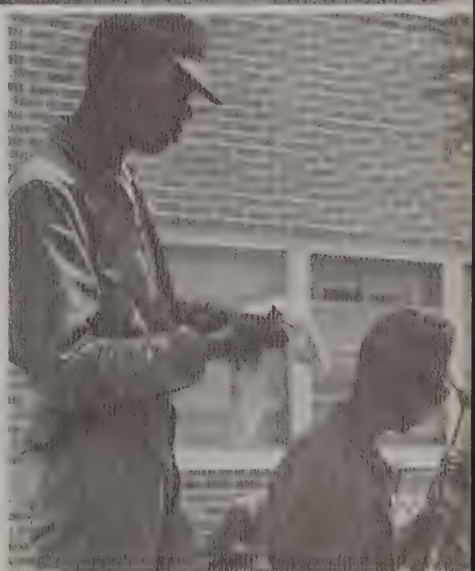

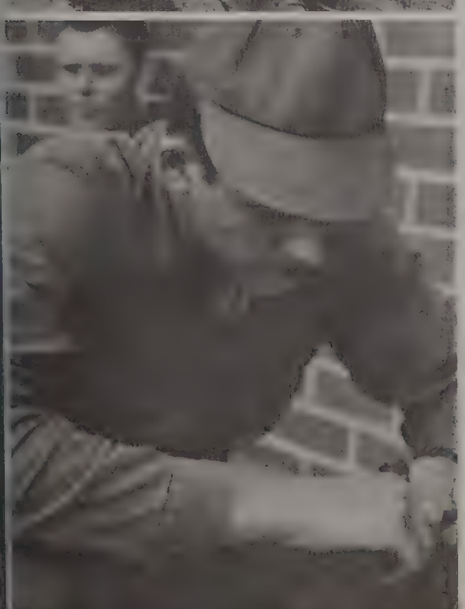

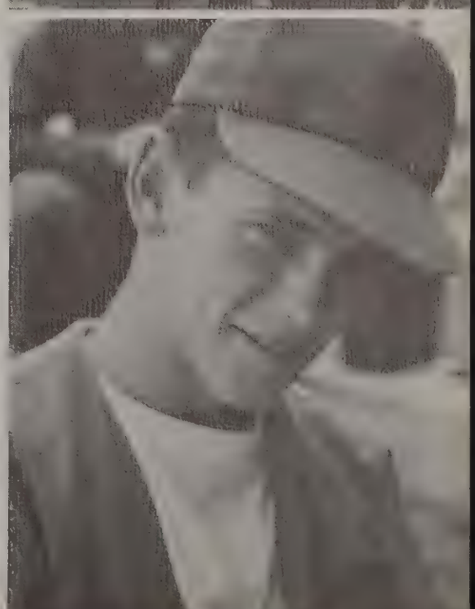

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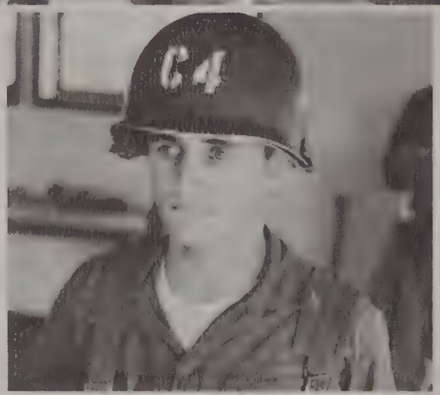

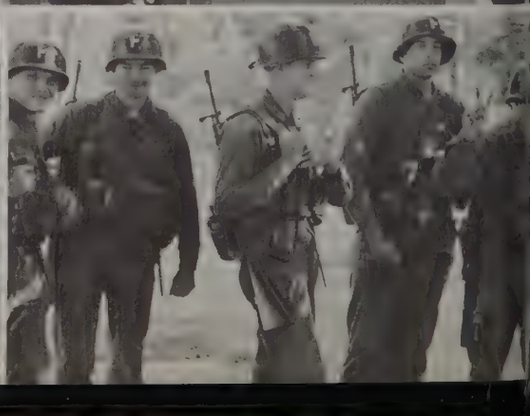

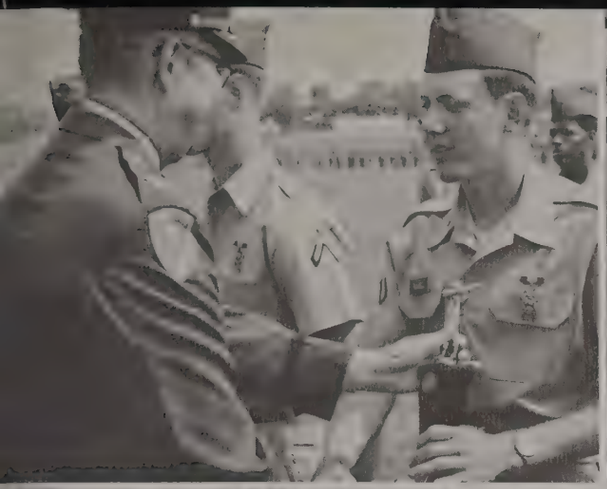

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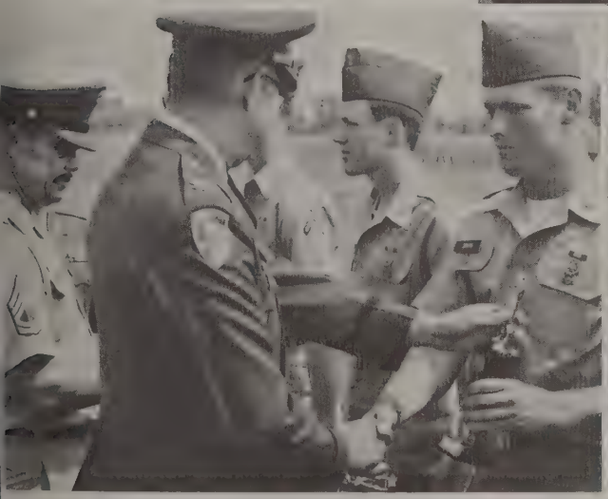
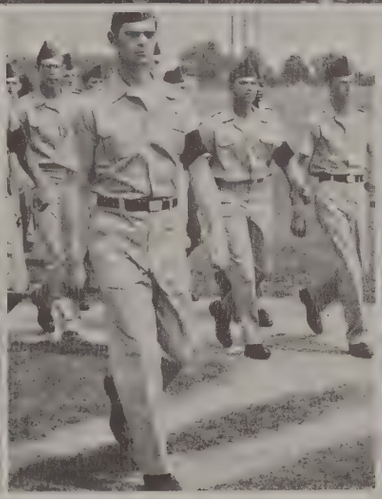

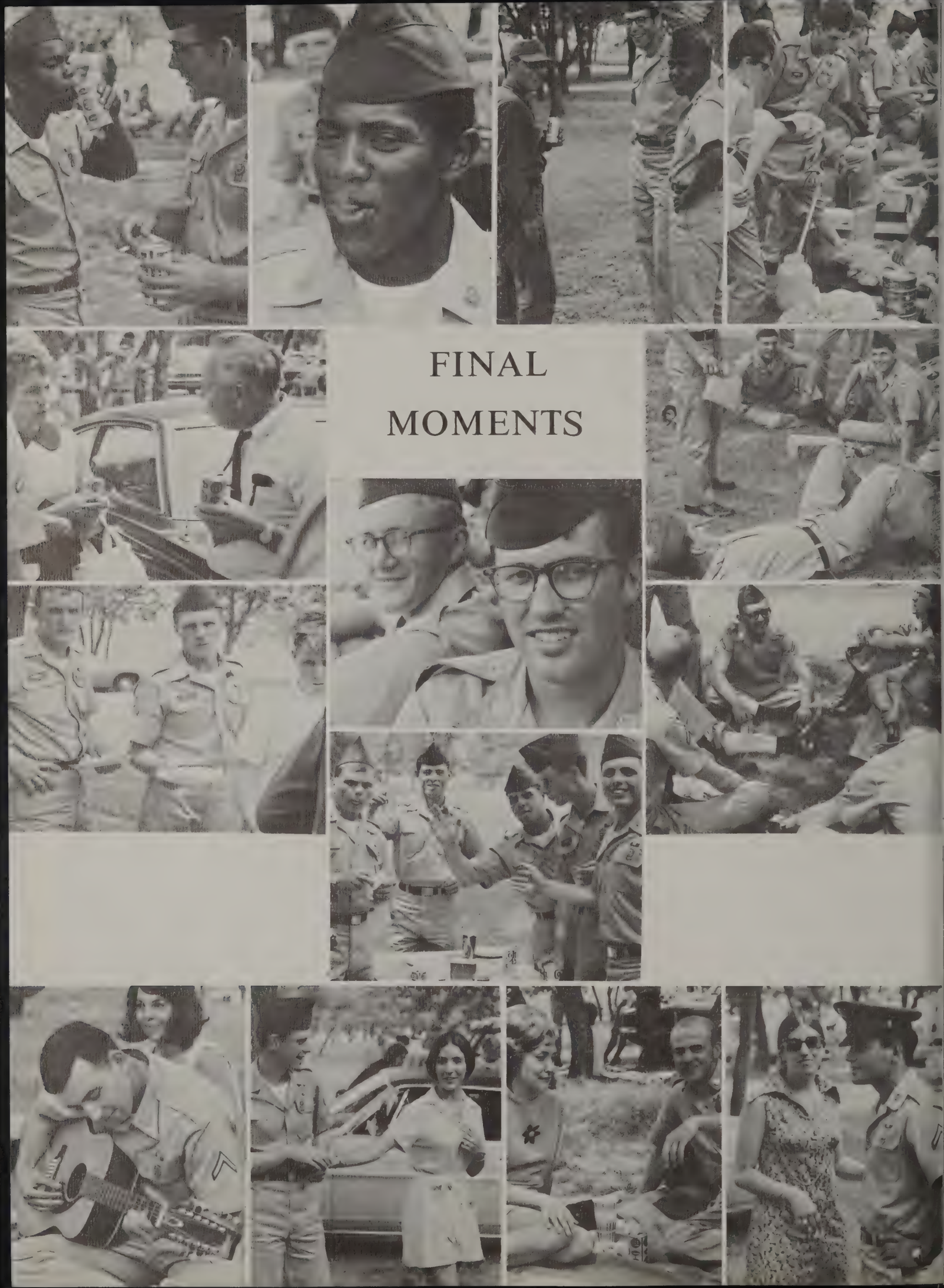

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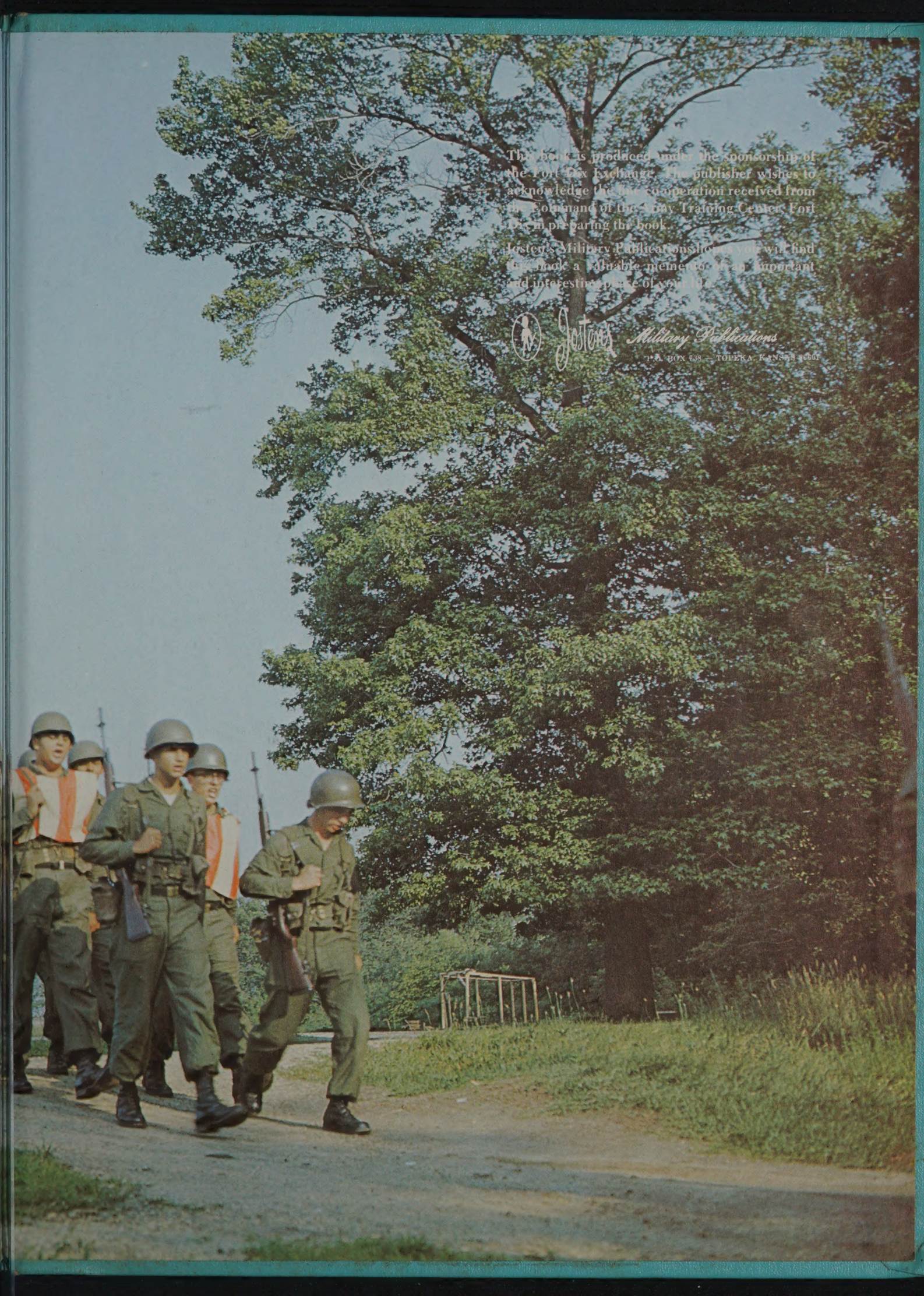

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